

# EEAA Student Transportation Policy

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Regional School Unit 1 Board of Directors will assume the responsibility of transporting resident pupils. Safety will be the first consideration in assigning bus routes. Encouraging students to walk to school to promote physical health will also be a consideration in determining which students are walkers.

Bus stops will be published on the district website.

The following are the assignments of which students will be riders:

### DIKE-NEWELL GRADES K-2

All Dike-Newell students are eligible to be transported. Bus stops will be determined by the bus service with no student being required to walk more than 2/10 of a mile.

### FISHER-MITCHELL GRADES 3-5

All Fisher-Mitchell students who live over a half a mile from the school are eligible for transportation. Students may be required to walk up to half a mile to a bus stop.

### BATH MIDDLE SCHOOL

All students who live over 1 mile from Bath Middle School are eligible for transportation. Students may be required to walk up to 1 mile to a bus stop.

### ARROWSIC, PHIPPSBURG, WOOLWICH

Students from Arrowsic, Phippsburg, and Woolwich are all eligible to be transported. In cases of remote locations, the bus service is given authority to identify a reasonable point of pick up.

### MORSE HIGH SCHOOL

All students who live over 1 mile from Morse High School are eligible for transportation. Students may be required to walk up to 1 mile to a bus stop.

### Kindergarten Students

Regional School Unit 1 will not drop off a Kindergarten child unless a parent or designee is present. Regional School Unit 1 authorizes the bus service to make on the spot decisions that support the safety of all children. The bus service will return a Kindergarten child who does not have a parent/designee at the drop off back to the child's school and the parent/designee will be notified to pick up their child.

#### Drop Off Locations

The bus service will drop off children at approved locations with prior notice including day care, if it does not add additional mileage.

#### Rules for Riding the Bus

The superintendent in consultation with building administrators and the bus service will develop reasonable rules and consequences for bus riding. The superintendent allocates responsibility for suspending bus privileges for rule violations to the building principal. The superintendent will be the final arbiter.

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