

Policy EEAA – TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The West Bath School Administrative Unit (WBSAU) Board of Directors will assume the responsibility of transporting resident pupils. Safety will be the first consideration in assigning bus routes.

Bus stops will be published in the local paper and announced in school newsletters and on the school website.

All students who reside in West Bath are eligible to be transported to the West Bath School, or the middle and high schools of guarantee. In cases of remote locations or when there are multiple stops in close proximity, the Bath Bus Service is given authority to identify a reasonable point of pick up.

The WBSAU will not drop off a Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade child unless a parent or designee is present. The WBSAU authorizes the Bath Bus Service to make on the spot decisions that support the safety of all children. Bath Bus Service will return a Kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade child who does not have a parent/designee at the drop off back to the child's school or the office of the Bath Bus Service and the parent/designee will be notified to pick up their child.

Drop Off Locations

Bath 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 Bath 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. These rules and sequence of consequences will be listed in the student handbook.

Waiver of the Policy

The Board or its designee may waive the provisions of this policy if conditions of an individual student or situation indicate that such a waiver is in the best interest of the school system and the child. Petitions for such waivers may be made to the Superintendent of Schools.

Legal Reference:

Title 20-A, MRSA, Sec. 5401

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