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The Dover School Board Transportation Policy is available on the school district's website, www.dover.k12.nh.us. Choose "School Board" and proceed to "Policies". This policy outlines who is eligible to ride on a school bus, appropriate student behavior, school bus driver responsibilities, procedures for handling school bus discipline, and the appeal process for revocation of bus privileges. If you do not have access to the internet, see your school administrative assistant for a copy of this policy which is in compliance with New Hampshire RSA's 189:6 and 189:9. The following information is also provided to answer some of the more frequently asked questions regarding transportation in the Dover School District.

District-wide Transportation Tips and Tidbits

Telephone Contacts:

First Student Transportation: 692-4406

Durham School Services, Formerly, Provider (Special Education): 895-9664

- First Student Transportation offices generally close at 4:30 P.M. Telephone calls, faxes, or emails sent by parents after this hour will not be processed until the following business day which begins at 7:00 A.M. Therefore, parents need to understand that requests for changes in their student's AM pick-up cannot be guaranteed without timely notification, preferably 24 hours.
- It would help limit the amount of time students ride the buses if parents who decide to provide private transportation for their student would advise their school administrative assistant and First Student Transportation.
- For safety reasons, we encourage parents of kindergarten aged children to wait with their child at their morning bus stop.
- Parents of kindergarten and first grade aged children (or other person as designated below) are **required** to be waiting at the child's afternoon bus stop or the child will not be released from the bus. The bus driver will return the child to his or her school until a parent can be contacted to pick up the child.

A parent may submit a request to waive this policy to the school's principal. Other appropriate arrangements may be made for the child's safe travel to their home or afterschool care (e.g., walk with older siblings, babysitter, or other responsible adult). An approved waiver must be on file with the school, the bus company, and the bus driver or the child will not be released.

Dover School District's Mission:
Strengthening our Community by Educating Every Child, Every Day!

- Please be on time. The bus cannot wait or back up if you run after it. This impacts timing of the entire route.
- Buses may be up to 5 minutes early, so please watch for its arrival.
- Before- and after-school care transportation will be provided to licensed daycare facilities only. Generally, these facilities must also be located in your elementary school's district. Please contact First Student Transportation directly for information on approved daycare facilities.
- We are unable to transport students to friends' homes for after-school visiting. Bus routes are developed based upon student capacities. Please tell your child they must take the bus home and you will transport them to visit friends' homes after school.
- Bus Passes will be required to be displayed daily for all students riding the bus to and from Dover Middle and High Schools. Contact your school directly for the procedures to follow for bus passes.
- On a Delayed Opening, bus transportation will start approximately 2 hrs. later (i.e. if your child's pickup is at 6:15 am the delayed pickup time will be approximately 8:15 am).