

KILLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**School Transportation Policy - Killington Busses**

The daily transportation of pupils is a privilege accorded by the school system. It is not a mandatory statutory requirement.

Any student who is enrolled as a resident or tuitioned, in the WCSU may ride the Killington school busses. All students must, at a minimum, behave in accordance with the Bus Discipline Policy, and Basic Bus Rules and will be required to meet or exit the bus at regularly scheduled stops. The busses within Killington are provided to transport students to and from school. The Board may modify routes or stops, and add or delete busses, with notice to those affected, as it deems appropriate. Route stop amendments will be considered upon receiving written requests.

Procedures

Students transported to school by school bus need to remember that upon entering the bus in the morning they are "in school."

Students must follow the same standards of conduct and courtesy that are expected in the school classroom. (Drugs, alcohol, insubordination, littering, throwing objects, fighting, etc. will **NOT** be tolerated.)

Use the rear door **ONLY** in cases of emergency.

Any violation of these regulations will be reported to the building principal. After consultation with the driver, the building principal may:

- A. Issue a warning to the student with notification to the parent(s).
- B. Suspend student's bus riding privileges for a time.
Require a meeting with appropriate school officials, the student and the parent.
- C. Impose a longer suspension based on subsequent offenses.
- D. Determine the amount of mandatory reimbursement in the case of vandalism and require payment before student is reinstated on the bus.

In the event the conduct of a pupil is such as to endanger the health, safety and well being of him/herself and/or other passengers, the pupil will face immediate suspension of transportation privileges.

During the period of suspension of bus privileges the parents:

- A. Are responsible for providing transportation for their child.
- B. May seek relief through the due process policy of the local school

Upon arriving at school and disembarking from the bus, students will remain on school property until they may enter the building. Leaving school property after arrival in the morning will result in the student being referred to the administration for disciplinary consequences.

Students participating in school-sanctioned activities, like sports or music lessons or special projects, will generally be allowed to bring their equipment on the busses. To protect the equipment, and help ensure the safety of the passengers, this equipment must be contained in an appropriate carrier or bag and will be put in a spot designated by the driver. Certain items will

not be allowed upon the bus (including but not limited to: pets, flammable liquids, hazardous materials, etc.) The driver makes this determination. Eating and drinking is not allowed on the Killington/Pittsfield busses. In addition, due to the volume of students, equipment involved, and insufficient storage on the busses, ski/snowboard equipment for SES's Thursday Ski Program will not be allowed on the busses.

The above rules may be modified for unique circumstances by the principal or designee.

Busses are school property and passengers are expected to help keep them clean and in an undamaged condition. Rules unique to a bus driver or route will be clearly posted on that bus.

Late Bus:

A late bus is provided for Killington and Pittsfield Middle and High School students participating in after school activities. This service may be offered seasonally depending on ridership. As a service, students from other communities wishing to ride the Killington late bus may do so, but must purchase a multi-ride pass from the high school office. The cost is \$1.00/ride, and must be purchased in advance of using the bus. The pass will be presented to the bus driver for validation. These passes may be shared. The number of passes sold is based on adequate seating on the bus in a "first come first served" basis. If insufficient seating exists, no additional passes will be sold. The Late bus will only stop at designated stops - currently these include Killington Outfitters, with the Bridgewater Elementary School, and Hadley Hill stops used as needed. In the fall, the Late Bus leaves WUMS/HS at 5:30 or 6:00pm (depending on time of year), arriving at Killington Outfitters around 6:00 or 6:30pm. This schedule changes with Daylight Savings Time to leaving WUMS/HS at 5:40, arriving at Bill's Country Store at approximately 6:10.

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