

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the Townshend School District to provide safe bus transportation for the students by operating buses along routes established by the School Board in cooperation with the school administration. The extent of the routes shall be governed by the conditions of the roads, age and health of the children, distances traveled, and other factors deemed pertinent to the decision. A copy of the approved routes shall be on file at the Townshend Elementary School and in the Town Clerk's office and will be posted in August before school opens.

Any person wishing to request a change in the approved routes shall file such a request in writing with the school principal. The request will be presented to the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting in the case of extenuating circumstances.

All students enrolled in Townshend Elementary School and Townshend students enrolled in Leland and Gray Union High School not living within one-half mile distance from the school are eligible for bus transportation via the approved routes.

Public school transportation is a privilege granted to pupils and is conditioned upon appropriate behavior and observance of the rules. The most important factor in bus transportation is safety. In the event of continued disregard for bus rules by a student and/or actions endangering the safety of his/herself or fellow bus passengers, the School Directors will not hesitate to suspend the bus riding privilege of the student.

**Date Warned: 9/12/05**

**Date Adopted: 9/26/05**

**Legal Reference(s): 16 VSA 1221 Transportation of Students  
16 VSA 1161a Discipline  
16 VSA 1162 Suspension and Expulsion**

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