

FOSTER-GLOCESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GLOCESTER, RI  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the transportation policy for the school district.

**Philosophy:**

This policy is established in keeping with RIGL 16-2-9 sub 18 which states that school committees are responsible “to provide transportation services that meet or exceed standards of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education.” The School Committee believes that the foundation of any transportation system is efficiency and safety and sets forth its policy in keeping with that belief.

**Policy Statement:**

- A. The Committee shall, through its administrators, arrange the bus routes so as to ensure maximum efficiency without sacrificing safety. Therefore:
- 1) The maximum distance normally required of a student to reach either a bus stop or a school building within the school district shall not exceed the following: :
    - a. Grades 6-8 - the distance established by Foster and Glocester Elementary Districts
    - b. Grades 9-12 - the distance established by Foster and Glocester Elementary Districts
 Whenever distances exceed the maximum, school bus transportation will be provided if such transportation does not endanger the children already on the bus or the equipment of the bus company.
  - 2) No student will be required to cross a highway.
  - 3) No middle school student will be required to walk more than the distance established by Foster and Glocester to a bus stop.
  - 4) No high school student will be required to walk more than the distance established by Foster and Glocester to a bus stop.
  - 5) Students for whom the district provides out of district transportation may be assigned to a centralized bus stop in order to shorten the time required to complete the route.
  - 6) To ensure that middle and high school students from both towns have comparable opportunities to remain after school for additional instruction and to participate in extra-curricula activities a late bus shall be provided to students from Foster and Glocester one hour after the end of the school day at least three days a week.
- B.
- 1) In compliance with RIGL 16-21-17 the Foster-Glocester School District will provide school bus safety instruction for all students in grade six (6). This instruction shall also be given to all students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12). This instruction shall be given no fewer than four (4) times per school year with at least one taking place during the months of September and October.
  - 2) These sessions shall be scheduled and documented by the principals at each school. These sessions shall be scheduled in conjunction with the companies providing transportation services to the district
  - 3) All students shall be given a copy of the bus rules and expectations for student behavior.
  - 4) This information is contained in the respective “Student Handbook” of each school. An acknowledgment indicating that the student and their parent/guardian have read the handbook must be signed and returned to school.

First Reading:	December 5, 2006
Second Reading:	January 2, 2007
Revised-First Reading:	November 4, 2014
Second Reading:	December 2, 2014
Adopted:	December 2, 2014