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Transportation to Child Care Sites

The Vernon Board of Education, recognizing the expanding needs of society, will provide busing to a child care location under the guidelines as contained herein. The provisions of this policy will apply to grades K - 8 only, for both public and non-public schools within the district.

Definition: A day care location is identified as the point of contact between the child and the person or facility having custody of a child with parents' or guardians' permission. If other than a relative to the parents or guardians, the person or facility must represent a paid position or arrangement.

Dissemination of Day Care Transportation Information

A comprehensive packet shall be prepared, including a map of the town by school district, a copy of the policy, necessary forms, an elementary school handbook, and a time-table for making application, and be made available to all parents at Kindergarten screening. Also included in this packet will be information as to where in the state to call for information on obtaining day care services.

The administration shall make an effort to publicize this transportation policy through the media.

All Vernon Center Middle School students shall be included in the existing policy, and a transportation packet will be made available at 6th grade orientation.

Guidelines for Transportation to Child Care Sites

1. Pupils requesting transportation may be either riders or walkers. However, the child care location must be within the student's home school district boundaries, in an area served by Vernon school buses, and at least ½ mile away from the pupil's home.
2. Transportation to child care locations will only be provided for a fully scheduled school week. Transportation will be provided in the a.m. or p.m. or both a.m and p.m.
3. If transportation to a child-care location is both in the morning and afternoon, the pupil must ride the same bus. However, kindergarten pupils, because of the route schedules, may ride different buses.

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4. Parents or guardians of pupils whose home address would make them eligible to ride may make application prior to July 1 for special transportation to a child-care location. They will be guaranteed space for their child on that bus to the child-care location.
5. Requests for transportation to a child care location, which are presented to the Board after July 1, both for pupils who would be required to walk to and from school and for regularly assigned bus riders, will be honored on a space available basis. Seats would be allocated to pupils seeking transportation to child care locations after allowances are made for all regularly assigned bus riders. Requests received after September 1 that fall within policy guidelines will be honored as space becomes available.
6. After July 1, pupils seeking transportation to a child care location, and who normally ride, will be assigned to their requested bus prior to the assignment of any pupils who normally walk to school. All pupils will be assigned on a space available basis after allowance is made for all regularly assigned pupils who reside in the area served by the bus.
7. Parent or guardian must present written permission to the principal for their child to get on or off the bus at the closest stop assigned to the child-care facility. The permission request must include name of child-care person/facility with address and telephone number, period of time requested for child-care arrangements and bus stop(s) where pupil will get on/off the bus.
8. Pupils must board or leave the bus at their designated school bus stop.

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