



Pesticide Application (10-231 et seq.)

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Hazardous Materials in Schools

Pesticide Application

Application of pesticides in buildings and on the grounds of schools under the control of the Windham Charter School Corp. is governed by the restrictions placed on pesticide application by Public Act 99-165.

Someone other than a certified pesticide applicator may apply a pesticide in an emergency to eliminate an immediate human health threat when (1) it is impractical to obtain the services of a certified pesticide applicator and (2) a restricted use pesticide is not used.

Beginning January 1, 2006, the application of lawn care pesticides on the grounds of any schools with students in grade eight or lower must be according to an integrated pest management plan (IPM). Such application is prohibited starting July 1, 2010, except in emergencies.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-231b Pesticide applications at schools: Authorized applicators. Exception.
(as amended by P.A. 09-56)

10-231c Pesticide applications at schools without an integrated pest management plan.

22a-46 Short title: Connecticut Pesticide Control Act.

22a-54 Pesticide applicators, certification, classification, notice, fees, reciprocity; financial responsibility; aircraft, tree, public employee applicators.

22a-58 Records to be kept by distributors and applicators.

23-61a Definitions. Tree protection examining Board within Department of Consumer Protection. Regulations.

23-61b Licensing for arboriculture; examination; fees; renewal; suspension, revocation. Nonresidents. Records. Pesticides.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) 7 U.S. Code 136 et seq.

PA 99-165 An Act Concerning Notice of Pesticide Applications at Schools and Day Care Centers.

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Pesticide Management

The Windham Charter School Corp. (WCSC) has issued a statement of policy regarding the application of pesticides at schools and grounds. This statement of policy shall be made to all staff and to all parents or guardians of students enrolled in schools under the control of WCSC. This statement will be made annually at the beginning of the school year.

This plan requires that alternative methods be employed prior to using a pesticide. Whenever it is deemed necessary to apply a pesticide it will be done so during a period when school is not in session and there are no planned activities on school grounds. All individuals applying pesticides will hold the proper State of Connecticut certificates. Children will not be allowed to enter an area where such application has been made until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.

State law provides for the notification of staff and parents and guardians of students prior to application of pesticide. Any individuals who wish to be notified may register at the school office to receive notice. Notice will be mailed so as to be received 24 hours prior to pesticide application.

Questions regarding the policy for pesticide applications may be addressed to the Principal of the School.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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Reporting of Transportation Safety Complaints (10-221c)

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Transportation

It is the intent of the Windham Charter School Corp. (WCSC) to preserve the rights and safety of all bus passengers. Students are encouraged to either walk or ride their bike to school. For those students that require transportation our prime concern is to provide the safest and most efficient routes to and from school.

It is also the intent of WCSC to comply with the letter and spirit of Connecticut State Law and the rules and regulations of the State Department of Education regarding the transportation of students. The laws, rules and regulations shall govern any questions.

School Bus Riders

School buses are provided for the purpose of transporting students between home and school and for authorized use by the school department for field trips and other school sponsored activities.

Bus Contractor

Student transportation services shall be provided by private contractors consistent with contractual arrangements.

Contracts for transportation shall contain, at a minimum, the following provisions:

1. Assurance that the contractor will establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that meets federal requirements.
2. Number of buses, including type of vehicles and fleet age, and specifications regarding equipment that is acceptable.
3. Communication equipment required on each bus.
4. Personnel including drivers, dispatchers, supervisors and such other staff as are required to effectively implement the terms of the contract.
5. Details regarding establishment of routes and schedules, and the method for amendment thereto.
6. Compensation including regular routes, field trips, and extra trips, and the specific means for invoicing services.



7. Requirements for performance, and penalties for nonperformance under the contract.
8. Requirement that the contractor cooperate with the school of in following procedures for the handling of complaints.
9. Insurance requirements.
10. Declaration that the contractor meets or exceeds all legal requirements to enter into a contract for student transportation services.

Transportation Discipline

It is the intent of this policy to ensure the safety of all students riding buses. It is imperative that all students respect the rights of others. Therefore, the administration has the right to prohibit students from riding a bus if their action on or waiting for a bus in any way endangers the safety of persons or property.

Any student may also be prohibited from riding the bus if he/she commits any violation of the rules and regulations. These students shall immediately be reported to the school authorities and may be suspended or expelled from bus privileges. All such suspensions shall be processed in accordance with the state statute. Procedures in cases involving special education students will be referred to a Planning and Placement Team (PPT).

Code of Behavior

1. The driver is in charge of the bus and all students riding therein. The bus driver has the authority to assign students to specific seats if needed or desirable. The driver shall enforce all rules and regulations adopted by school authorities for the conduct of students on the bus. Failure to obey directions and other violations of rules will be reported to the appropriate administrator.
2. Students must take a seat upon entering the bus and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
3. Students shall not move from one seat to another except as directed by the bus driver and at a time when the bus is not in motion. They should get on and off the bus only when it is fully stopped.
4. Conduct on the bus should be substantially the same as classroom conduct except that reasonable talking is permissible.
5. No indecent or profane language shall be permitted on the bus, nor shall there be any rowdiness.
6. Unnecessary talking with the driver is prohibited.



7. The possession and/or use of alcohol, drugs, knives, guns, and any other dangerous or illegal items on the bus are strictly prohibited.
8. The use of tobacco, matches or lighters on the bus is prohibited and is a violation of state law.
9. The throwing of any objects in or around the bus is strictly prohibited.
10. Students must not at any time extend their arms or heads out the bus window.
11. Bus windows shall not be opened without the consent of the driver.
12. Students shall assist in keeping the bus clean, sanitary and orderly and shall refrain from abusing the bus, its cushions or other equipment.
13. Upon entering or leaving the bus, students shall avoid crowding or in any way disturbing others.
14. Students shall not leave the bus without permission from the proper school authorities except at their designated stop.
15. Students shall enter and leave the bus only by the front door except in case of emergency.
16. Students tampering with the emergency door except in an emergency will have bus privileges suspended.
17. Students must be on time and at all times cooperate in keeping the bus on schedule.

Penalties

First Offense

Student shall be spoken to by the Principal and the parents shall be notified; with any exceptions at the discretion of the Principal

Second Offense

Student shall be spoken to by the Principal and a written warning with the rules and regulations will be sent home.

Third Offense

Student's bus privileges shall be suspended.



Fourth Offense

Student may be expelled from bus privileges for the remainder of the year with the approval of the Principal if it is necessary to maintain the safety and well-being of the students or bus driver.

NOTE: *Although progressive discipline will be followed for offenses of a minor nature, any serious offense may result in immediate suspension from bus privileges.*

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statute

- 10-97 Transportation to vocational schools
- 10-186 Duties of the local and regional boards of education.
- 10-220 Duties of boards of education
- 10-220c Transportation of children over private roads
- 10-233a and 10-233c Suspension of students
- 10-280a Transportation for students in nonprofit private schools outside the school district.
- 10-281 Transportation for students in nonprofit private schools within school district.
- 14-275 Equipment and color of school bus
- 14-275a Use of standard school bus required, when
- 14-275b Transportation of handicapped students
- 14-275c Regulations re school buses and motor vehicles used to transport special education students.
- 14-276a (c) Town/school district may require its school bus operators to have completed a safety training course.
- 14-280 Letters and signals to be concealed when not used in transporting children. Signs on other vehicles.
- 20 U.S.C. NCLB Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title I, Section 1116 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, 42 U.S.C., Sections 11431-11435
- United States Code, Title 49
- 2717 Alcohol and controlled substances testing (Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991)

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