

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education affirms its responsibility to provide a safe and economical transportation system for district students. Transportation shall be provided at district expense to those students who are eligible as authorized by the Board. The following students qualify for regular transportation, which is transportation to and from the school they legally attend before and after the regular school day:

1. All students in grades Kindergarten through 8 who reside up to fifteen (15) miles from the school they legally attend.
2. All students in grades 9 through 12 who reside up to twenty-five (25) miles from the school they legally attend.
3. All students with physically or mentally handicapping conditions will be provided transportation consistent with state law and regulation.

Late-bus transportation services shall be provided only to Students in grades 9 through 12 who reside up to fifteen (15) miles from the school they legally attend and only to students in like circumstances, under the following conditions:

1. Students have no individual expectation for late-bus transportation services.
2. The District shall determine the time and number of late-buses which shall be provided to each school.
3. When considering whether a late-bus will be provided, the District also may consider multiple factors, including, including but not limited to:
 - i. The cost of providing a late-bus,
 - ii. The number of students who would likely utilize the late-bus
 - iii. The dismissal time, and
 - iv. The reason why a student is seeking to utilize the late-bus.

The major objectives in the management of the student transportation program shall include the following:

1. To provide efficient, effective and safe service;
2. To ensure that all students whose handicap or distance from school requires them to receive necessary transportation do, in fact, receive it;
3. To adapt the system to the demands of the instructional program;
4. To maintain transportation vehicles in the best possible physical condition; and
5. To review at least once a year the eligibility for transportation of students residing in the district, to ensure that all entitled to the services receive them.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for administering the transportation program. He/she shall draw up transportation contracts and provide for the smooth operation of the transportation program. All other transportation, such as field trips and athletic team trips, are to be decided between the Superintendent and the activity sponsors. These plans for extracurricular transportation must have the approval of the Superintendent.

The student transportation program shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and policies established by federal, state and local authorities.

Cross-ref: 5320, Student Conduct on School Buses

Ref: Education Law §§305 (14); 3602(7); 3635 et seq.
Matter of Handicapped Child, 24 EDR 41
Matter of Zakrezewski, 22 EDR 391
Matter of Nowak, 22 EDR 91
Matter of Fox, 19 EDR 439

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