

EAST QUOGUE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Policy 8410

Student transportation in the School District will be provided in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The following objectives will serve as a guide to School District personnel in connection with the implementation of the School District's student transportation program:

1. to furnish transportation to those students eligible for transportation pursuant to law;
2. to provide safe transportation;
3. to operate the transportation program efficiently and economically;
4. to adapt transportation to the requirements of the instructional program;
5. to maintain conditions on the buses that are conducive to the best interest of the students-including mental, moral and physical considerations;
6. to promote a sympathetic public understanding of the entire transportation program-including safety, adequacy, efficiency, and standards of service;
7. to establish and review at least once a year the school bus scheduling and routing plans; and
8. to establish and review, on a regular basis, the eligibility for transportation of students residing in the School District.

Transportation shall be provided at School District expense to those students eligible under law and pursuant to mileage limitations authorized by the voters of the School District. In accordance with the voters' approval of a referendum, transportation shall be provided as follows:

Kindergarten: All Kindergarten students are entitled to receive transportation

Grades K-6: Those whose residence is more than .5 miles from the school they legally attend.

Students attending Westhampton Beach School District: All students attending Westhampton Beach School District are entitled to receive transportation.

The Board of Education shall have the sole discretion in designating pick-up points and to add or remove bus stops in order to provide reasonably safe and economical transportation for the students in the School District. Students in kindergarten are required to be accompanied by an individual over the age of sixteen (16) at bus stops. The individual must be present when the student is to be picked up or dropped off at a designated bus stop.

The Board of Education recognizes that, in special circumstances, School District employees may need to use private vehicles for school purposes. In particular, the Building Principal may authorize the transportation of students in private vehicles to transport a student or students to a hospital or other medical facility, in the event of a medical emergency. The School District assumes no liability unless the employee has authorization for such transportation. School District administrators are advised to exercise caution in authorizing transportation of students in private vehicles.

Parents or guardians of a child who will be attending a nonpublic school and qualifies for transportation, must notify the Board of Education, in writing, by April 1st of each year if

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transportation is desired for the following school year. Should a family move into the School District after April 1st, the request must be made within thirty (30) days of establishing residency in the School District.

The Superintendent of Schools or designee is responsible for administering the transportation program in accordance with the above-stated objectives.

Ref: Education Law §3635

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