

Business and Noninstructional Operations

Transportation

The Board of Education desires, when required, to provide for the safe and efficient transportation of students to and from school as necessary to ensure access to the educational program, promote regular attendance, and reduce tardiness. In determining the extent to which the district will provide transportation services, the Board shall weigh student and community needs against the cost of providing such services.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board economical, environmentally sustainable, and appropriate means of providing transportation services.

The Board may purchase, rent, or lease vehicles; contract with a common carrier or municipally owned transit system; contract with responsible private parties including the parent/guardian of the student being transported; and/or contract with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 35330, 39800, 39801)

In contracting for transportation services, the district shall comply with all applicable laws related to bids and contracts. (Education Code 39802-39803)

In lieu of providing transportation in whole or in part, the district may pay the student's parents/guardians either their actual or necessary expenses in transporting the student as may be specified by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). In either case, the amount of the payment shall not exceed the cost that would be incurred by the district to provide for the transportation of the student to and from school. (Education Code 39806-39807)

The Board may charge a transportation fee to parents/guardians of transported students in accordance with Education Code 39807.5 and BP/AR 3250 - Transportation Fees.

No student shall be required to be transported for any reason without the written permission of the student's parent/guardian, except in emergency situations involving illness or injury to the student pursuant to Education Code 35350 or the evacuation of students as necessary for their safety.

The district may install a global positioning system (GPS) and/or video surveillance monitoring equipment on school buses, transportation vehicles, and/or student activity buses in order to enhance safety and provide real-time location data to district and school administrators and parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to promote safety for students traveling on school buses.

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Legal References: Education Code, Sections 35330; 35350; 39800-39860; 41850-41854;
41860-41862; 45125.1; 52311
Government Code 3540-3549.3
Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 14100-14103; 15240-15343;
15253-15272
Vehicle Code 2807
Penal Code 637.7
Code of Regulations, Title 13, Section 2025

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