

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 of Education.

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 does 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;
5. to review at least once a year school bus schedules and routing plans to ensure that maximum efficiency is maintained; and
6. 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 time that a child spends on a bus should be kept to a minimum. Therefore, the Board may designate certain areas as central pick up points. A child may be required to walk a reasonable distance to his/her pick up point. The age of the child, the amount of traffic, and other factors are to be considered in determining the distance a student will have to walk to his/her pick up point.

The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for administering the transportation program. 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); 1807; 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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STUDENT TRANSPORTATION REGULATION

All students attending BOCES programs will utilize school transportation to and from the J.W. Harold Center each school day.

The only exception to this school policy is as follows:

When a student is required to transport a school approved project to J.S. Harold Center (BOCES) or when a student has a bona fide reason for being excused from BOCES for a medical appointment or other legal reason as defined by the attendance laws of the State of New York, an occasional authorization to drive may be granted by the Senior High School Building Principal.

The following criteria must first be met:

1. A student requesting permission to drive to BOCES must present prior written approval from the Principal at the J.W. Harold Center (BOCES). Written permission from the student's parents is required. With permission of the Senior High School Principal and other required signature, the students may drive to BOCES on that day.

Permission is required for each request made. Blanket permission is not authorized.

2. The student must be able to show a valid driver's license. Permission will not be granted to drive the vehicle of another student.
3. Students are not authorized to ride by personal vehicle to BOCES with other students.
4. Transportation requests for "Work/Study" Programs will be granted in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

Afternoon/Late Bus

Buses will make late runs when necessary and economically feasible. The Principal's office will maintain departure times.

Leaving School Grounds

Students coming to school by bus must return by bus unless they have written permission signed by a parent/guardian stating they may return home by some other means.

If students wish to ride a bus other than their assigned bus, written permission signed by the parent/guardian will be required. Permission will be granted only if the bus is not at capacity.

In addition, permission slips from parents are required for the following:

1. to take part in field trips;
2. to have transportation home other than on an assigned bus;
3. to get off a bus at any place other than the student's home;

Cross-ref: 5640, Employment of Students

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