

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education affirms its goal of providing 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 management of the student transportation program shall include the following:

- 1) provide efficient, effective and safe service;
- 2) provide transportation to those students whose disability or distance from school makes the service essential;
- 3) adapt the system to the demands of the instructional program;
- 4) maintain transportation vehicles in the best possible condition;
- 5) review at least once a year school bus schedules and routing plans to ensure that maximum efficiency and safety are maintained; and,
- 6) 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.

Student Responsibilities

When being transported by the District students shall conduct themselves on a school bus in accordance with the Code of Conduct established by the Board or administration. A student may have transportation privileges suspended by a school administrator if it is determined that a student had failed to comply with the District's Code of Conduct or reasonable directive of the bus driver. In such a case the District shall not be responsible to transport the child during the period of suspension. If a student is disruptive on a school bus and/or a District vehicle, the student shall be delivered to the destination and a report shall be given of the incident to the appropriate school administrator.

Parental Responsibilities

Parents play an important role in the safe and efficient operation of the School District transportation system. If the system is to operate properly, parents need to assume certain responsibilities for its operation.

It is the responsibility of the parent to provide adequate and appropriate supervision of their child at the transportation pick-up and drop-off location. The District is not responsible for a student until the student boards the school bus or District vehicle.

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It is expected that each child should be accompanied by an adult and should be dressed and at the bus stop prepared to board the bus 5 minutes prior to the arrival time of the bus. In the afternoon an adult must be available to accept the student 5 minutes prior to the scheduled drop off time. Parents are encouraged to talk to the Bus Drivers and Aides regarding any special needs of their child, such as extra warmth or medical problems.

Students who are bused to school in the morning must return home on a bus unless they have parental permission and school office approval to do otherwise. Specific procedures for alternate transportation will be established at the building level.

Parents are responsible for transportation of their children, should they miss their bus or be denied transportation for disciplinary reasons.

Special Transportation Services Per the Committee on Special Education (CSE)

In relation to a student who has been classified as a student with a disability, the IEP of the student may provide for specific accommodations and/or services regarding transportation. The District's CSE must consider whether a student with a disability requires special transportation. If special transportation is needed to receive a free appropriate public education, it will be reflected on the student's IEP. Special transportation, including any specialized transportation equipment (e.g. special or adapted buses, lifts and ramps), will be provided to a student based on his or her unique needs while traveling to and from school and/or throughout the school day.

A special pick-up point and/or drop-off point is an accommodation that may be considered by the CSE. The exact location of the pick-up and drop-off point will be determined by the CSE.

It is the responsibility of the parents to bring the child to the pick-up location, supervise the child until the bus arrives, and to be there to accept the child after school. If such a student is disruptive and/or violates the District's Code of Conduct while being transported, a report of the incident shall be provided to the Director of Transportation and a copy also provided to the Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

The transportation program administered by the District 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); 1501-b; 1807; 3602(7); 3623; 3635 et seq.
Matter of Handicapped Child, 24 EDR 41 (1984); *Matter of Zakrezewski*, 22 EDR 381 (1983); *Matter of Nowak*, 22 EDR 91 (1982); *Matter of Fox*, 19 EDR 439 (1980)

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