

8600 TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to supervise development of bus routes to provide safe, economical and reasonably expeditious transportation for:

- A. Public and non-public school pupils who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;
- B. Special Education pupils in accordance with their IEP;
- C. Pupils participating in Board-approved extracurricular activities or field trips;
- D. Pupils whose instructional program requires transportation; and
- E. Other pupils as required by law.

In the event that the cost of routes for remote non-public pupils exceed the statutory reimbursement amount, these respective parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be paid aid-in-lieu of transportation in the amount dictated by New Jersey law.

The Board shall offer subscription busing to all pupils not otherwise eligible for transportation services where an established bus route currently exists. The Board shall annually set a fee schedule to cover the cost of the service. Calculation of the cost shall include, but is not limited to, a consideration of the costs of fuel, driver salaries, and insurance. Fees shall be waived for pupils eligible for free lunch. The Board reserves the right to charge for hazardous busing in the event that the Board determines the need to ensure fiscal stability.

All pupils riding on district buses shall be required to observe the district's bus conduct regulations or risk loss of the privilege of such transportation.

Buses, whether contracted or district-owned, shall be kept in optimum condition and shall conform to all State safety regulations.

Bus routes must be approved by the Board and submitted to the County Superintendent's office.

There will be no provisions for stops at a child care provider unless the stop is in the same attendance area as the pupil and the pupil utilizes such stop five days a week. All requests for bus stop location changes must be made through the Transportation Department.



Each pupil waiting at a bus stop is expected to adhere to all district policies just as in the school buildings. Pupils are expected to be at their bus stop five minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time. Buses shall adhere as closely as possible to the time schedule established for said route and are not to run more than five minutes ahead of schedule. No Kindergarten pupil will be dropped off without a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or adult designee present unless a signed note from the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is provided giving permission to do so.

A pupil may be excluded from the bus for disciplinary reasons by the Principal, and the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall provide transportation to and from school during the period of such exclusion.

The Board reserves the right to consider alternatives to transportation for all pupils if it becomes cost prohibitive to provide transportation.

Use of School Vans

School owned vans may be used for the transportation of regular public school pupils when such use does not interfere with the transportation of special education pupils. School vans are to be operated only by district personnel holding a valid commercial driver's license, as required by statute, and who must participate in the State mandated random drug and alcohol testing program. All regulations for use of school vans established by the district Transportation Specialist must be observed.

School vans may not be used for non-school purposes without the Superintendent's permission.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 27:15-16

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.; 6A:27-3.1

Adopted: 24 January 2011

