Lewistown School District

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS 8111

Transportation of Students with Disabilities

Transportation shall be provided as a related service, when a student with a disability requires special transportation in order to benefit from special education or to have access to an appropriate education placement. Transportation is defined as:

(a) travel to and from school and between schools;

(b) travel in and around school buildings or to those activities which are a regular part of the student's instructional program;

(c) specialized equipment (such as special or adapted buses, lifts, and ramps) if required to provide special transportation for a student with disabilities.

The Child Study Team who develops the disabled student's Individualized Education Program will determine, on an individual basis, when a student with a disability requires this related service. Such recommendations must be specified on the student's IEP. Only those children with disabilities who qualify for transportation as a related service under the provisions of the IDEA shall be entitled to special transportation. All other children with disabilities in the District have access to the District's regular transportation system under policies and procedures applicable to all students of the District. Utilizing the District's regular transportation service shall be viewed as a "least restrictive environment."

Mode of Transportation

One of the District's special education buses will be the preferred mode of transportation. Exceptions may be made in situations where buses are prohibited from entering certain subdivisions due to inadequate turning space, or distance from school may seriously impact bus scheduling. In such situations, other arrangements, such as an individual transportation contract, may be arranged with the parents. Such voluntary agreement shall stipulate in writing the terms of reimbursement.

Cross Reference:	3300	Corrective Actions and Punishment
Legal Reference:	10.16.3820, ARM	Transportation for Special Education Students with Disabilities

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