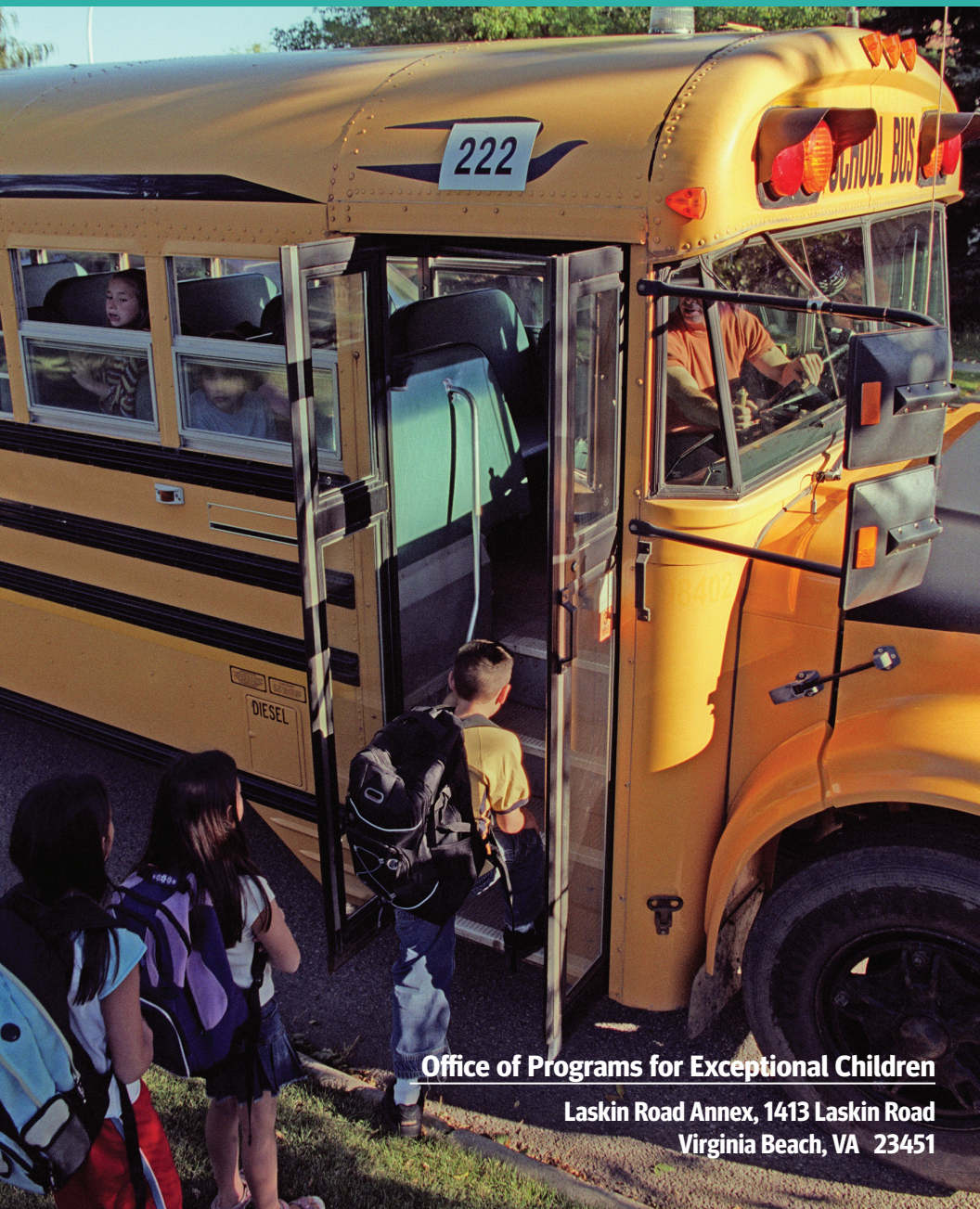


VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Transportation Services for Students with Disabilities



Office of Programs for Exceptional Children

Laskin Road Annex, 1413 Laskin Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

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Transportation is defined by the Virginia Department of Education as a related service that is required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education and includes:

1. Travel to and from school and between schools;
2. Travel in and around school buildings; and
3. Specialized equipment (*such as special or adapted buses, lifts and ramps*), if required to provide special transportation for a child with a disability.

References: Virginia Administrative Code 8VAC20-81-10, as amended. Virginia Department of Education *Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia*, as amended.

If you would like additional information regarding transportation as a related service for your student with a disability please contact your student's case manager at his/her school.



Individualized Education Program (IEP) Committee Consideration

The transportation needs of our students are as individual as the students themselves. Parents/legal guardians, teachers, administrators and other members of the IEP committee should discuss the need for special transportation services during the initial or annual IEP meeting.

Considerations may include but are not limited to:

- **Specially-Equipped Bus:** Wheelchair lift, locks, safety belts, safety seats/vests/harness, etc. (*For a student's protection, car seats or safety vests may be required for transportation.*)
- **An Integrated Route:** Students with or without disabilities may ride together depending on individual routes and circumstances.
- **Specific Accommodations:** Air conditioning/temperature-controlled environment, signage inside bus, etc.
- **School of Attendance**



Provision of Transportation Services

If the IEP committee determines that special transportation services are required as a related service, the appropriate request form should be submitted on behalf of the student by the administrator, or his/her designee, who coordinates transportation at the building level.

Once a route has been determined, the parent/legal guardian will be contacted and provided pertinent information such as approximate pick-up/drop-off times, bus number and name of the bus driver. Parents/legal guardians are asked to keep this information on hand to use as needed.

If you have questions about bus transportation at your student's school, you may speak with the administrator or other appointed staff member at the school who supervises transportation for the building. Every school has a designee who serves as a point of contact for the day-to-day transportation of all students in the building.



Additional Resources

If you have a question about a bus schedule, please email vbcpbusstop@vbschools.com.

If your bus is late, please contact your student's school or call (757) 263-1545 for more details.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student's special education services, please contact your child's special education case manager/teacher or the Parent Support and Information Center at (757) 263-2066.

For more information about the school division's transportation services and answers to frequently asked questions, visit the transportation webpage at vbschools.com/transportation.



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Phone: (757) 263-2066

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www.vbschools.com/curriculum/ParentSupportCtr

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To seek resolution of grievances resulting from alleged discrimination or to report violations of these policies, please contact the Title VI/Title IX Coordinator/Director of Student Leadership at (757) 263-2020, 1413 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23451 (for student complaints) or the Section 504/ADA Coordinator/Chief Human Resources Officer at (757) 263-1133, 2512 George Mason Drive, Municipal Center, Building 6, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456 (for employees or other citizens). Concerns about the application of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act should be addressed to the Section 504 Coordinator/Executive Director of Student Support Services at (757) 263-1980, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456 or the Section 504 Coordinator at the student's school. For students who are eligible or suspected of being eligible for special education or related services under IDEA, please contact the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children at (757) 263-2400, Laskin Road Annex, 1413 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23451.

Alternative formats of this publication which may include taped, Braille, or large print materials are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Call or write the Parent Support & Information Center, 1413 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Telephone 263-2066 (voice), 263-2067 fax or email carol.blackwell@vbschools.com.



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