

8613 WAIVER OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education is required to provide transportation services for the school year to an elementary student living more than two miles from the public school of attendance or to a secondary school student living more than two and one-half miles from the public school of attendance in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.

The Board shall determine student transportation needs and approve student transportation routes based on all students eligible for transportation in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and any less than remote, courtesy busing, and/or hazardous route transportation determined by the Board of Education. However, while providing school bus seats for those students eligible for transportation each school year, the Board recognizes certain students eligible for transportation services voluntarily elect not to use the transportation services offered by the Board resulting in empty seats on school buses going to and from school. To assist the Board in operating the school district's transportation system in the most cost-effective manner, the Board may provide a student's parent/guardian the option of waiving transportation services for that school year in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1c. In the event the Board provides this option, a student's parent/guardian will be required to sign a written statement indicating the student waives transportation services for that school year. The written statement shall be in such form as determined by the New Jersey Department of Education.

In the event a parent/guardian of a student eligible for transportation services waives transportation services for that school year and circumstances change during that school year due to a family or economic hardship, the school district will reinstate the student's eligibility for transportation to and from school.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1; 18A:39-1c

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