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## **707 TRANSPORTATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the transportation of students consistent with the requirements of law.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Chisago Lakes School District will provide transportation for all resident pupils who live more than one mile from their respective schools to and from school within the school district boundaries. Students will be transported to school if they live in a hazardous area less than one mile from their respective schools as declared by the school board. All other students will walk. Routes and pickup time will be arranged for and provided to the residents by the Transportation Director. Distance guidelines for determining pickup points shall be one-quarter mile for all students in grades K-12. Distance guidelines for determining discharge points will be one-half mile for all students in grades 6-12 and one-quarter mile for students in grades K-5. All distances are based on public roads only.

Non-resident students shall have no privileges for transportation. If non-resident students can be accommodated on regular routes, they may be transported at the discretion of the school district.

Eligible resident pupils shall receive transportation to the appropriate school district boundary if it is their desire to attend a non-public school outside the district. If transportation to and from the nearest school district cannot be made, an allowance will be granted. The final determination as to whether transportation shall be provided to the boundary of the resident-district, or the transportation allowance granted, shall be made by the Board of Education pursuant to law. The board may make changes anytime during the school year.

The district no longer has activity bus routes. If activity bus routes are instituted in the future, the district guidelines for the activity bus routes are that drop-off points can be up to one mile from the student's home.

*Legal References:*

- Minn. Stat. § 120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)
- Minn. Stat. § 121A.40-121A.56 (Pupil Fair Dismissal Act)
- Minn. Stat. § 121A.59 (Bus Transportation Is a Privilege Not a Right)
- Minn. Stat. § 123B.36 (Authorized Fees)
- Minn. Stat. § 123B.41 (Educational Aids for Nonpublic School Children; Definitions)
- Minn. Stat. § 123B.44 (Provision of Pupil Support Services)
- Minn. Stat. § 123B.88 (Independent School Districts, Transportation)
- Minn. Stat. § 123B.92 (Transportation Aid Entitlement)
- Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)
- Minn. Stat. § 124D.04 (Enrollment Options Programs in Border States)
- Minn. Stat. § Ch. 125A (Children With a Disability)
- Minn. Stat. § 125A.02 (Children With a Disability, Defined)
- Minn. Stat. § 125A.09 (Procedures for Decisions)
- Minn. Stat. § 125A.12 (Attendance in Another District)

Minn. Stat. § 125A.15 (Placement in Another District; Responsibility)  
Minn. Stat. § 125A.51 (Placement of Children Without Disabilities;  
Education and Transportation)  
Minn. Stat. § 125A.65 (Attendance at Academies for the Deaf and Blind)  
Minn. Stat. § 126C.01 (General Education Revenue – Definitions)  
Minn. Stat. § 127A.47 (Payments to Resident and Non-resident Districts)  
Minn. R. 3520.3300 (Transportation of Handicapped Students)  
20 U.S.C. 1415 (Individuals With Disabilities Act)  
29 U.S.C. 794 (Rehabilitation Act)  
42 U.S.C. 2000a (Prohibition Against Discrimination or Segregation in  
Places of Public Accommodation)  
42 U.S.C. 12132 (Americans With Disabilities Act)

*Cross References:* MSBA Service Manual Chapter 2, Transportation  
Chisago Lakes Policy 708 (Transportation of Nonpublic School Students)  
Chisago Lakes Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)  
Chisago Lakes Policy 710 (Extracurricular Transportation)

## **Procedures-Policy 707**

Parents requesting transportation outside of the school district boundaries shall follow the following procedure:

**Step 1:** Parents shall request a Transportation Reimbursement Request Form.

**Step 2:** Upon receipt of a completed Transportation Reimbursement Request Form, the district will determine if they can accommodate according to the above listed policy. If they cannot, they will grant an allowance to that family. The amount paid will be based upon one round-trip from the residence to the nearest school boundary per school day. The amount paid per mile will be based on the district's currently approved mileage rate. The transporting parent must also provide the district with a valid driver's license for the primary driver and a valid insurance certificate for the primary vehicle. The maximum allowance paid will equal the amount the district receives per student in state transportation aid. The parents shall submit to the District Office of the Chisago Lakes Area Schools a request for payment no more than three times during the school year. Attendance verification from the attending school is needed before a payment can be made to the parent.