

A. Regular to and from School Transportation

It shall be the policy of Independent School District No. 831 to make available transportation services to all students given the following guidelines:

1. The Supervisor of Transportation or designee shall establish bus stops and shall administer such bus stops in the following manner:
  - a. All students in grades kindergarten through 12 will be picked up and delivered at their driveways or designated bus stops.
  - b. The Supervisor of Transportation is hereby authorized to designate bus stops as group pickup and delivery points whenever reasonable and practical.
    - Pupils in grades kindergarten through 12 may be expected to walk a distance not to exceed three-tenths ( $3/10$ 's) of a mile.
    - Pupils on late activity bus routes may be expected to walk a distance not to exceed one-half ( $1/2$ ) of a mile.
  - c. Bus stops may be designated on private property when serving an apartment complex or a mobile home park.
2. Private driveways of less than three-tenths ( $3/10$ 's) of a mile for grades kindergarten through 12, will not be entered. Private driveways greater than three-tenths ( $3/10$ 's) of a mile, shall only be entered after approval of the Supervisor of Transportation.
  - a. A private driveway entrance request form may be obtained from the Supervisor of Transportation.
  - b. Consideration for approval will be based upon distance, maintenance level of the driveway and adequacy of the bus turn-around area.
3. School bus routes are initially established to provide essential student "to and from school" transportation services. Students assigned to a given school bus route shall be authorized to only ride that particular school bus route. Parents who desire a temporary route change shall make such request in writing to the Building Principal. Principals are authorized to only approve such temporary changes or requests within the load capacity of the assigned school bus and further provided the change causes no deviation from the regular bus route.

4. Secondary students shall not be permitted to ride on elementary routes.
5. Permanent changes (more than five (5) school days) in student pickup and delivery addresses shall be processed as follows:
  - a. The Building Principal shall approve no more than two (2) pickup and/or delivery addresses or combination thereof.
  - b. Parents shall submit such requests a minimum of five (5) school days prior to the requested effective date.
6. The Supervisor of Transportation has the authority to approve Child Care Facilities addresses as a bus stop.
  - a. Parents desiring to enroll their children in the Facility shall apply for a change in pickup and/or delivery address pursuant to Item 5 of this Policy.
7. The School District will provide “to and from school” transportation services to charter schools and organized non-public schools within the School District in accordance with Minnesota Statutes and in accordance with this Policy.
8. The School District will not transport students to or from a church for religious activities, unless prior approval is granted by the School Board.
9. This Policy is not intended to negate State Traffic Laws, State Department of Education regulations or generally held safety rules.
10. The Superintendent of Schools and/or designee/s is hereby authorized to deviate from the above Policy rules when these rules are found to be impractical or unreasonable to implement given a particular situation.

B. Transportation for Students with Disabilities

1. Students with disabilities will be transported on “regular to and from school routes” whenever this service appropriately meets the students’ needs.
  - a. Generally, all rules applying to the general education students will likewise apply to students with disabilities transported in this manner, unless their individual education program indicates otherwise.

2. The School District schedules special bus routes for those students with disabilities if indicated in their individual education program.
  - a. The extent of the services provided will be determined by the individual student's needs.
3. Students who become temporarily physically disabled will be provided appropriate transportation based on the individual student's needs.
4. The School Board hereby delegates to the Superintendent of Schools and/or designee/s the authority necessary to carry out the intent of this School Board policy insofar as the transportation of students with disabilities is concerned.

*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.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.515 (Placement of Students; Approval of Education Program)
- 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 Nonresident Districts)
- Minn. Rules Part 7470.1600 (Transporting Pupils with Disability)
- Minn. Rules Part 7470.1700 (Drivers and Aides for Pupils with Disabilities)

20 U.S.C. § 1415 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004)  
29 U.S.C. § 794 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)  
42 U.S.C. § 2000a (Prohibition Against Discrimination or Segregation in Places of Public Accommodation)  
42 U.S.C. § 11431, *et seq.* (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001)  
42 U.S.C. § 12132 (Americans With Disabilities Act)

*Cross References:* Student Transportation Safety Policy 531  
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 2, Transportation

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