

Board of Education Policy

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education affirms its goal of providing a safe, effective, and economical transportation system for resident District students. Transportation shall be provided at District expense to those students who are eligible as authorized by the Board.

The hierarchy of priorities that shall be used in all decision-making regarding student transportation is as follows:

1. Student, staff, and public safety;
2. Timeliness;
3. Cost; and
4. Student and parental convenience.

The major objectives in the management of the student transportation program shall include the following:

1. To provide safe, effective, and efficient service;
2. To ensure that all students whose disability or distance from school makes them eligible to receive transportation do, in fact, receive it;
3. To adapt the system to the needs of the instructional and extracurricular programs;
4. To maintain transportation vehicles in the best possible condition;
5. To annually review school bus schedules and routing plans to ensure that maximum safety, effectiveness, and efficiency are maintained; and
6. To annually review the eligibility for transportation of students residing in the District, to ensure that all entitled to the services receive them.

Minimum riding limits shall be established by the voters pursuant to all applicable laws.

The Committee on Special Education or the Director of Educational Services may make exceptions to the established riding limits only in the case of a temporarily or permanently disabled child for whom a physician has requested transportation or in accordance with State and Federal Law and Regulation.

The Superintendent of Schools or designee shall be responsible for administering the transportation program. The program shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and policies established by federal, state and local authorities.

Reference: Education Law §§305(14); 1501-b; 1807; 3602(7); 3623; 3635 et seq.
Matter of Handicapped Child, 24 EDR 41 (1984); Matter of Zakrezewski, 22 EDR 381 (1983); Matter of Nowak, 22 EDR 91 (1982);
Matter of Fox, 19 EDR 439 (1980)

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