

Board of Education Policy

TRANSPORTATION FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Pursuant to a referendum approved by the voters on June 3, 2003, the Miller Place Union Free School District (the “District”) will transport resident students to non-public schools up to a maximum distance of 15 miles. Such distance will be measured from the front door of the District’s Central Administration Office to the front door of the non-public school.

In order for resident students attending non-public schools to receive transportation, their parents or guardians must submit a written request so that it is received by the District no later than the April 1st preceding the beginning of the school year for which transportation is being requested. If a student moves into the District later than April 1st, the District must receive the request within thirty days of establishing residence.

Late requests, however, may be considered by the Board of Education on the basis of each request’s merits. Criteria used by the Board in determining whether to approve a late request may be:

1. If the granting of a late request would not result in any additional cost to the District under existing transportation arrangements, the late request may be granted.
2. If the excuse for the late request is reasonable, as determined by law, the late request shall be granted. It is well established in case law that ignorance of the April 1st deadline, or a late decision to enroll a student in a non-public school is not considered a reasonable excuse.

Reference: New York State Education Law §3635
Appeal of Boyle, 31 EDR 208 (1991)
Matter of Ward, 29 EDR 153 (1989)
Matter of Alletto, 25 EDR 14 (1985)

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