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R 8600 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

General Requirements - Students Remote From School

- A. The Commission will transport at the request of districts participating in the Coordinated Transportation Program:
1. Students who reside remote, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.24(a)1. and (a)2., from their assigned district school of attendance;
 2. Nonpublic school students who reside remote from their school of attendance and meet the eligibility criteria of N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.1 et seq.2;
 3. Charter school **or renaissance school** students pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-3.1 et seq.;
 4. **Students with special needs shall be provided transportation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1** ~~Special education students who reside remote from their assigned school and students who require transportation services in accordance with their Individualized Educational Program (IEP);~~
 5. School choice students pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-4.1 et seq.; and
 6. **Special population students pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-6.2 through 6.5.**

~~Nonpublic and Charter School Transportation~~

- ~~A. The Commission, at the request of participating districts, will transport resident children who attend a nonpublic or charter school in the State of New Jersey not more than twenty miles from their residence, but not a lesser distance from their residence than that required for the transportation of students enrolled in the schools of the participating district.~~
- ~~B. Students living more than twenty miles from their nonpublic or charter school are eligible for transportation services when other students living within the participating district, whose residence is less than twenty miles from school, are transported to the same nonpublic school.~~

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~~These students living more than twenty miles from the school (maybe or are) required to utilize existing bus routes and stops established for students living within the participating district and within twenty miles of the nonpublic school~~

~~C. The Commission will provide transportation services at the request of participating districts in accordance with this N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2(c)12. to a nonpublic school located outside the State not more than twenty miles from the student's home.~~

~~Non-Remote Courtesy Transportation~~

~~The Commission, at the request of participating districts, will provide transportation to and from school for public school students less than remote from their school.~~

~~Hazardous Routes~~

~~The Commission will provide transportation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.5 for participating districts that request such service.~~

~~Charter School Transportation~~

~~A. The Commission will provide transportation services at the request of participating districts to charter school students pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.~~

~~B. The expenditure for charter school student transportation who reside outside of the district or region of residence in which the charter school is located is limited to the annual nonpublic maximum expenditure per student in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.~~

~~School Bus Use and Standards~~

A. ~~The Board requires that A~~ **all school buses bid or purchased shall be equipped with seat belts in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-10 – School Bus Safety Equipment.**

B. School bus drivers and all school bus passengers shall be required to wear seat belts when transported in school buses so equipped. Seat belts shall be fastened when the driver and passengers board the vehicle and they shall be kept fastened at all times while on board the vehicle. Seat belts may be unfastened only when the individual is departing the

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vehicle. The Board further requires that drivers and passengers using private vehicles to transport students wear seat belts in the same manner.

- C. **There shall be displayed on every bus subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1, signs or legends which will, insofar as practicable, inform the driver of any vehicle concerning the duty imposed upon him/her by law with respect to passing a bus, while it is loading or unloading. The signs or legends shall be in a color, form, and design as will meet the requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education.**

An agency, Board of Education, nonpublic school, or school bus contractor operating a school bus subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 shall display across the rear of the school bus a telephone number, website address, or other identifying information which shall allow the public to report a bus driver's misconduct while operating the school bus to the Board of Education or nonpublic school for which the school bus provides transportation. The lettering shall be of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.

The Board of Education or nonpublic school shall comply with New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) regulations regarding: the appropriate Board of Education or nonpublic school official or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; the appropriate actions which a Board of Education or nonpublic school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; and the time period during which a Board of Education or nonpublic school may act to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-2.1.

- DE. The Commission requires every school bus bid or purchased that is used to transport public, non-public, ~~and/or~~ charter, **and/or renaissance** school students will be equipped with a crossing control arm at the right front corner of the bus. The arm must open and extend out from the bus at least five feet each time the bus door is opened.
- ED. School bus purchase, use, and standards must meet Federal and State standards and must be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.1 et seq. **and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. – Public School Contracts Law.**

Operation and Management of Transportation System

- A. The Transportation Coordinator shall:

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1. Prepare a map of the district on which each bus stop and bus route is indicated or, alternatively, prepare an itinerary of bus routes that may be used in conjunction with a map of the school district;
 2. Prepare and promulgate procedures to be followed in the event of a bus emergency, bus safety, bus driver training and rules governing the conduct of all students transported by the Board in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.1 **et seq.** and 6A:27-12.1 **et seq.**;
 3. Maintain such records and make such reports regarding school transportation as are required by the State Board of Education; and
 4. Prepare the specifications for each bus route or contract for which proposals will be sought by the Board in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-9.1 **et seq.**
- B. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the State Board of Education and the ~~NJDOE Department of Education Policy and Procedures Manual for Pupil Transportation.~~

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