

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

It is the intent of the Board of Education to comply with the letter and spirit of the New York State Education Law; with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and of the Department of Transportation and with the Commissioner of Education's regulations and decisions pertinent to student transportation, and these shall govern any questions not covered by specific declaration of policy herein.

The purposes of the transportation program are to transport students to and from school, to transport them for extracurricular activities, to transport them on field trips, and to transport those requiring special services.

The Board of Education recognizes and assumes the responsibility for all aspects of the transportation of children wherein the health and safety of students are involved, for the Board of Education has a legal obligation to safeguard the welfare of bus-riding children.

Scheduling and Routing

Bus routes are authorized by the Board of Education and any requests for a change must be submitted to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Transportation services shall be provided to meet the needs of the students of the District within specified limits and areas established by the Board of Education.

All students, grades Kindergarten through five are eligible to be transported to school and returned by District transportation. All students, grades six through twelve, living more than 1-1/2 miles from the school are eligible to be transported to school and returned by District transportation. An exception may occur when the District operates under a contingent budget when only students living more than two (2) miles from school will be transported.

Any student in grades 6 through 12, living less than 1-1/2 miles from the school they attend, may be furnished transportation upon the presentation of a doctor's request for their transportation due to a health need.

The Caledonia-Mumford driver education vehicle is designated as the official school vehicle for determining distance for transportation eligibility purposes. The speed and distance measuring devices of the official vehicle shall be calibrated annually by a state registered odometer service facility.

The official vehicle shall measure all distances. The point of origin shall be the door of the child's residence to the front door of the school.

The "door of the child's residence" shall mean the point that intersects the driveway of the residence with the centerline of the road where the child is customarily picked up.

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The "front door of the school" shall mean the door at the school where students are customarily discharged from school buses.

The District shall either mail schedules directly to parents or have parents pick up schedules at school. Should the District wish to post school bus schedules online, access to the schedules shall be password protected.

Use of Buses by Community Groups

Upon formal application to and approval by the Board of Education buses may be rented or leased to a municipal corporation; to any senior citizen center recognized and funded by the Office for the Aging; to any not-for-profit organization serving those with disabilities; or, to any not-for-profit organization which provides recreational youth services or neighborhood recreation centers. Such rentals/leases can be made only for times when vehicles are not needed for student transport and must be made for a consideration acceptable to the Board which shall not be less than the full amount of the costs and expenses resulting from the lease or rental.

Transportation Cooperative Agreements/Contracts

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to work with other school districts to improve transportation services and efficiencies through transportation cooperative agreements/contracts.

Education Law Sections 1501-b, 3602(7), 3620-3628, 3635 and 3636

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7131 -- Education of Homeless Children and Youth

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