

# Policy

## Glen Ridge Board of Education

### 8600 TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education shall transport eligible pupils to and from school and school related activities in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1 et seq. and Board policy. Transportation shall be provided only to eligible public and nonpublic (and charter, if applicable) school pupils, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

The Glen Ridge Board of Education shall provide transportation for all remote pupils, i.e. all pupils in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight for whom the shortest measured route from the entrance of the pupil's residence to the nearest public entrance of the assigned school is more than two miles and all pupils in grades nine through twelve for whom the shortest measured route from the entrance of the pupil's residence to the nearest public entrance of the assigned school is more than two and a half miles. In addition, the Board shall provide transportation:

1. To and from school during the school year for all non-remote pupils in grades pre-kindergarten through eight who are required to walk to and from school and must walk along a federal, state, or county highway or road which does not have a sidewalk for pedestrian use.

- a. The phrase "sidewalk for pedestrian use" shall be deemed to include but not be limited to sidewalks, paths, pathways, walks and/or footpaths, whether same are paved or unpaved, which are not a part of a roadway designed for vehicular traffic.

2. To and from school for pre-school-handicapped pupils.

- a. Student transportation will be provided between the pupil's residence and the school they attend.

b. If pre-school handicapped pupils are placed by their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in a program or with a caregiver within the Township of Glen Ridge prior to or after the pupil's school program, the Board will provide an exception to the general rule, as stated above, that the transportation will only be provided between the pupil's residence and the school attended by the pupil. In order to provide for the continuity of care for and/or programs for handicapped children, the Board will provide transportation either from the program/caregiver to school and then from school to the pupil's residence or from the pupil's residence to school and then from school to the program/caregiver, when the program/caregiver is located within the Borough of Glen Ridge.

The Board recognizes that it is the governmental entities which control the roadways and walkways that are responsible for the safety of those roadways and walkways. Any transportation which the Board provided to non-remote students is discretionary.

The Board will transport disabled pupils in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq. and Policy No. 8670.

The Board will approve all bus routes by August of each school year. Bus routes for all non-remote pupils who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes will be designated. The Board will consider, but shall not be limited to, the criteria outlined in N.J.S.A 18A:39-1.5 in determining "Hazardous Routes."

The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of nonresident pupils to or from school, except that transportation to and from school will be provided for homeless children for whom the district is determined to be the district of residence and for homeless children enrolled in this district when no district of residence has been determined.

The Board 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 pupils enrolled in the schools of this district. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2, pupils living more than twenty miles from their nonpublic school are eligible for transportation services when other pupils living within the district, whose residence is less than twenty miles from school, are transported to the same nonpublic school.

Vehicles used to transport pupils to and from school or school related activities shall meet standards, registration and inspection requirements of the New Jersey Departments of Education and Transportation. 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 Department of Education Policy and Procedures Manual for Pupil Transportation.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 27:15-16

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.; 6A:27-3.1.

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