Mesa County Valley School District 51

EEA

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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Although the statutes of the state of Colorado do not require a board of education to furnish student transportation services, the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District #51 may provide student transportation services to students of the district and shall establish policies for the operation of the student transportation service.

In establishing policies for the governance of the district student transportation service, it is recognized that:

1. Students eligible for transportation are enjoying a privilege granted by the Board of Education and not a guaranteed right under the laws of the State of Colorado.
2. In order to provide transportation services consistently to students throughout District #51, policies must be established.
3. Student transportation should be provided for students attending the designated attendance center of their residence who reside beyond a specified walking distance from that school (See Policy EEAA).
4. State and federal laws, rules and regulations governing the education of disabled students contain special requirements not applicable to the general education program.
5. Transportation to and from any school other than the designated attendance center of the student's residence, including, but not limited to, Board-approved summer schools, special or alternative education programs or school choice/transfer options, shall be provided only on the approval of the Board and upon such conditions as the Board may specify. Transportation other than to and from the designated attendance center shall be governed by the appropriate student transportation policies and regulations.

This policy may be waived, provided there is no additional cost to the district, using consistent parameters. If transportation is provided outside the established policies, parents must be informed it is a waiver, and transportation is not guaranteed. The same transportation fee shall apply as that of pay riders.

The transportation of students to and from school, the transportation of students from school to school and the use of student transportation equipment by District #51 or its contractors shall be governed by state statutes, policies and regulations of the Colorado Department of Education and board policies. The superintendent shall promulgate and publish appropriate administrative procedures governing the transportation of disabled students consistent with the district's responsibility under applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The district may submit to the voters the question of whether to impose and collect a fee for the payment of excess transportation costs in accordance with state law. If the fee is approved, the revenues shall be deposited in the transportation fund. The district shall waive any transportation fee resulting from such approval by the voters for any student eligible for reduced price or free lunches as determined by federal regulations.

Legal References:
C.R.S. 22-32-110(1)(a)
C.R.S. 22-32-113
C.R.S. 22-32-114
C.R.S. 22-51-101, et seq.
C.R.S. 22-20-101, et seq.
Public Law 94-142
Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Cross References:
EFC, Free and Reduced Price Food Services
JC, School Attendance Areas