

Special Education Transportation Guidelines

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Length of Ride – The length of ride for disabled students should be similar to that of non-disabled students except in cases where the distance to a student's home exceeds that of the other students and where a student attends a program outside his neighborhood school or DSEA.

In cases where a student attends a program outside his/her DSEA, the IEP Team will review the student's placement annually to determine if a placement closer to the student's residence would be appropriate.

Wheel Chairs

Vehicles used to transport physically disabled students in wheel chairs shall be equipped with proper securement devices. Bus drivers will be trained in the use of equipment and proper securement procedures.

Medications

Medications to be taken by the student while at school shall not be transported on a school bus in any manner including student bags or backpacks, unless otherwise specified in a Specialized Health Care Plan. It is the responsibility of the parent to transport their child's medication to and from school. Medications may be transported on the school bus for students who self administer medications and students who require that medications be available for emergency purposes, provided that the parents provide all required information from the child's physician, the school has developed an appropriate health plan and staff, including bus drivers, have been informed and, when necessary trained, in proper procedures regarding the student's individual needs.

Discipline and Behavior Interventions

Students with disabilities are subject to the same rules of discipline governing regular transportation, unless the student has a behavior plan indicating otherwise. School bus drivers will be trained to implement positive behavior interventions as indicated in a student's behavior plan.

Suspension

During the period of any exclusion from bus transportation, pupils must be provided with an alternative form of transportation at no cost to the pupil or parent in order to be assured of having access to the required special education instruction and services (EC 48915.5).

EC 48915.5(c) reads: "If an individual with exceptional needs is excluded from school bus transportation, the pupil is entitled to be provided with an alternative form of transportation at no cost to the pupil or parent or guardian provided that transportation is specified in the pupil's individualized education program."

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In Lieu Transportation

When the district is unable to provide the necessary transportation services for a student, they may enter into an agreement with the parent to provide services in lieu of transportation. Parents who agree to provide in lieu services for their child will be reimbursed for their mileage at the rate established by the IRS. Mileage reimbursement shall be solely for transportation of the student to school for the start of school and return home at the end of the school day.