

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

Transportation of Resident Students to a District School

Transportation shall be provided to a District school for resident students living between five-tenths (.5) mile and fifteen (15) miles of the school legally attended. The mileage is measured by the most direct route from the child's home to the school legally attended in accordance with law.

No student living less than five tenths (.5) mile from school will be transported unless he/she lives on a hazardous State highway where there is no sidewalk provided.

Where several residences are near each other, the Superintendent may designate a point for bus stops.

Special exceptions to the above policy may be made in cases of temporary or permanent physical disabilities.

No one is allowed to ride unless he/she is either a student in the Belfast Central School District or connected with the school in some official capacity. Students are not allowed to ride the bus beyond their home or regular meeting point and should not be discharged at any other point unless with written permission from the office. Such permission will be granted upon written request of a parent/guardian.

Any District resident desiring to ride District transportation for educational purposes must submit a request in writing to the Superintendent for review.

Requests for Transportation to and from Non-Public Schools

Transportation to private and parochial schools will be furnished for resident children for distances between five-tenths (.5) mile and fifteen (15) miles of the school legally attended. The mileage is measured by the most direct route from the child's home to the school legally attended in accordance with law.

The parent or guardian of a child residing in the District who desires that the child be transported to a private or parochial school during the next school year should submit a written request to the Board not later than April 1 preceding the year transportation will be required. If the child is not a resident on April 1, a written request should be submitted within thirty (30) days after establishing residency. No late request of a parent or guardian shall be denied where a reasonable explanation is provided for the delay.

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Non-Instructional/Business
Operations

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS (Cont'd.)

Transportation of Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities in the District shall be transported up to fifty (50) miles (one way) from their home to the appropriate special service or program, unless the Commissioner certifies that no appropriate nonresidential special service or program is available within fifty (50) miles. The Commissioner may then establish transportation arrangements.

Transportation of Non-Resident Students

Families may coordinate transportation with the BCS transportation department and arrange to be picked up by a Belfast bus at a pick up point within the District.

Transportation to School Sponsored Events

Where the District has provided transportation to students enrolled in the District to a school sponsored field trip, extracurricular activity or any other similar event, it shall provide transportation back to either the point of departure or to the District school unless the parent or legal guardian of a student participating in such event has provided the District with written notice, consistent with District policy, authorizing an alternative form of return transportation for such student or unless intervening circumstances make such transportation impractical. In cases where intervening circumstances make transportation of a student back to the point of departure or to the District school impractical, a representative of the School District shall remain with the student until such student's parent or legal guardian has been contacted and informed of the intervening circumstances which make such transportation impractical; and the student has been delivered to his/her parent or legal guardian.

Education Law Sections 1604, 1709, 1804, 1903, 1950,
2503, 2554, 2590-e, 3635, 4401(4), 4404, and 4405

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #5731 -- Transportation of Students in Private Vehicles

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