

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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Each student who is transported shall be entitled to free transportation provided he/she abides by the rules of safety and behavior necessary to operate the District's transportation system. Serious infraction of these rules may result in the loss of the student's privilege. The student's parent(s), as defined by Florida Statutes, shall be responsible for making sure the student abides by the rules or for providing the student's transportation. Suspension from a bus shall not affect the attendance laws and rules.

- I. Any student who resides two (2) or more miles from his/her designated school by the most direct traveled route is eligible to ride the school bus to and from that school. These students shall be reported for funding purposes. Under the following conditions, students who reside within two (2) miles of the designated school may be eligible to ride the school bus.
 - A. Special authorization is granted by the School Board.
 - B. An exceptional student not requiring special care may ride a school bus regardless of distance from home to school upon furnishing a statement from the supervisor of exceptional students certifying that the student is handicapped and is unable to walk to school.
- II. A student who is eligible for transportation and resides beyond the accessibility of a school bus may be provided transportation by payment from the School Board to the parent(s) for use of a private automobile or other conveyance for this purpose.
- III. The School Board may cooperate with other school districts to provide transportation for students.
 - A. When it is practical to extend a school bus route to serve any territory located in another school district, the School Board shall enter into an agreement with the School Board of the other district to provide transportation services to students residing in the adjacent school district. Any such agreement shall be recorded in the official School Board minutes of each school board. The agreement shall state in detail the responsibility of each school board for operating the school bus and maintaining a daily schedule.

- B. Whenever a school bus crosses a school district line, all rules of the School Board shall apply to students transported by the said school board unless otherwise stated in the agreement between the school boards.
- IV. Only a student who is regularly enrolled as a transported student and whose name appears on the bus driver's handbook for that bus shall be permitted to ride such bus while it is being operated on a regular school bus route except upon the written request of the Transportation Supervisor. Such approval may be granted only when the student's welfare is involved due to an emergency condition in the home. When an emergency condition exceeds five (5) school days, the Superintendent's approval shall be required. Approval shall not be allowed for:
- A. Student visitation, unless duly authorized; and,
 - B. A student to obtain transportation to his/her regular place of employment.
- V. No person shall be eligible for transportation on a field trip or extracurricular school trip unless he/she is authorized by the principal or designee.
- VI. Maximum regard for the safety of students and due consideration for the protection of health of all students transported shall be primary requirements in the routing of buses, establishing student stops, appointing drivers, and in providing and operating transportation equipment.
- VII. A student who arrives early or remains late because of transportation service shall be under school supervision at all times and shall, if practicable, have a planned schedule of activities. The principal shall be responsible for providing such supervision.
- VIII. Each route shall be planned and adjusted as nearly as possible to the bus capacity. Travel each morning and afternoon shall be considered in planning and establishing bus routes and shall not exceed fifty (50) minutes for elementary students and sixty (60) minutes for secondary students when practical.
- IX. Periodically student transportation routes and student walking conditions shall be reviewed to determine if hazardous conditions exist. Appropriate requests for designation of hazardous conditions shall be provided as required by state law or State Board of Education rules.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.42, F.S.

LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:

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1006.23, 1011.68, F.S.**

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE(S):

6A-3.001, 6A-3.0171

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