

TRANSPORTATION FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS REGULATION

Upon parental request received by the Supervisor of Transportation by April 1 or within thirty (30) days of moving into the district for the next school year, unless a late request has been approved in accordance with Policy 1740—Transportation for Nonpublic School Students, students who are residents of the District and are enrolled in nonpublic schools (other than students placed in a non-public school pursuant to an individual education plan (IEP)) will be entitled to ride school buses as indicated:

1. all kindergarten students who live 0.3 miles or more from school and not more than fifteen (15) miles from the school they attend;
2. all students in grades 1-4 who live 0.3 miles or more from school and not more than fifteen (15) miles from the school they attend;
3. all students in grades 5-12 who live 0.9 miles or more from school and no more than fifteen (15) miles from the school they attend.

Students who are placed in a non-public school in accordance with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be provided transportation services in accordance with the IEP without regard to these mileage limits.

Mileage is measured by school vehicle from a common point at each school, as determined by the District Transportation Supervisor, and by the shortest distance from that common point to the driveway or (if no driveway) the front walkway of the student's residence, except that if the student resides in a home to which vehicular access is by a private road, such measurement shall be from the common point at each school to the beginning of that private road.

The District shall not provide transportation to students enrolled in non-public schools (other than students placed in a non-public school pursuant to an IEP) on days on which the schools of the District are not scheduled to be open, or on days on which the schools of the District are closed due to inclement weather or other emergency. In addition, when the District schools have a delayed opening or an early dismissal due to inclement weather or other emergency, the District reserves the right, in its discretion, to provide transportation to students enrolled in non-public schools (other than students placed in a non-public school pursuant to an IEP) consistent with that delayed opening or early dismissal. If a non-public school to which the District provides transportation has a delayed opening or early departure because of inclement weather or other emergency, the District will provide transportation in accordance with that delayed opening or early departure.

Further, the District reserves the right, after consultation with the affected non-public school, to decide not to provide transportation to students enrolled in non-public schools (other than students placed in a non-public school pursuant to an IEP) on dates on which the non-public school has scheduled a late arrival or an early dismissal, if the schools of the District have not scheduled a late arrival or an early dismissal, respectively, on that date.

Prior to the commencement of each school year, the District shall inform affected non-public schools and the parents/guardians of students provided transportation to non-public schools pursuant to Policy 8413 and this regulation of the District's policy and protocols concerning the provision of transportation to such students.

Regulations, policies and procedures applicable to students in the public schools concerning scheduling and routing, including those set forth in Policy 8411-R, shall be applicable to the transportation of nonpublic school students.

Routes and schedules are subject to change, and students and parents/guardians will be notified if change is necessary.

Cross-ref: 8411-R, School Bus Scheduling and Routing Regulation
8413, Transportation for Nonpublic School Students

Ref: Education Law §3635
Appeal of Boyle, 31 EDR 208 (1991)
Matter of Ward, 29 EDR 153 (1989)
Matter of Alletto, 25 EDR 14 (1985)

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