

TRANSPORTATION FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

The district is required to provide transportation to nonpublic school students residing in the district to and from the nonpublic school they attend. This transportation will be within the same mileage limitations established for resident students attending district schools. Parents/guardians must submit a written request to the Supervisor of Transportation for approval of transportation of their child(ren) to a nonpublic school. The district is not required to provide transportation on days when the public schools are not in session.

Transportation requests for students attending nonpublic schools must be received by the district no later than the April 1st preceding the beginning of the next school year. If a student moves into the district later than April 1st, the request must be received within thirty days of establishing residence in the district, but preferably no later than August 1st.

Denials of a late filed request for transportation may be appealed to the Board, in writing, no later than ten (10) calendar days after notification of the denial. The Board will consider appeals of a denial of a late request for transportation on the basis of each case's merits. Criteria used in judging whether to accept a late request may include but not be limited to the following:

1. Whether transportation will require an additional cost to the district, and, if so,
2. Whether there is an acceptable excuse for the late request.

Acceptable excuses do not include personal hardship, ignorance of the deadlines, belated parental decisions, or a change in nonpublic school after the deadline.

The district may require nonpublic school students to walk to pick-up points up to the same distance as district students. The district may also transport students to nonpublic schools by utilizing centralized transfer points. If the district provides transportation to students who live within the mileage limitations and attend a particular nonpublic school, the district will designate one or more public schools as centralized pick-up points to provide transportation to any students living outside the mileage limitations who attend that school. The district may provide transportation to the centralized pick-up point for students who live along an established route to the pick-up point, as long as it does not result in additional costs to the district.

Cross-ref: 1740, Relations with Nonpublic Schools

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

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Commented [NH1]: The NYSSBA suggested policy provides this optional language for boards to consider: "The district may provide transportation to nonpublic school students living more than 15 miles from their nonpublic school via a centralized pickup point that is within 15 miles from the nonpublic school, if the district has provided transportation to that school in at least one of the three prior years." I do not recommend inclusion of this paragraph. Approximately 15 years ago, the Board considered a request by a parent whose child attended John F. Kennedy High School. The district transported students who lived more than 15 miles because other students from our district lived within 15 miles. After those other students graduated, the parent requested that the district still transport the student (who happened to be the son of former Croton Mayor Greg Schmidt) and the Board approved this request. Rather than including this provision, I suggest it be handled in a one-off basis if ever needed.

Matter of Alletto, 25 EDR 14 (1985)

United Jewish Community of Blooming Grove v. Washingtonville Cent. Sch. Dist., 207 A.D.3d 9, 169 N.Y.S.3d 401 (3d Dept. 2022), aff'd 42 N.Y.3d 348 (2024)
Transportation for Students Enrolled in Nonpublic Schools: Handbook on Services to Pupils Attending Nonpublic Schools, NYSED,
www.p12.nysed.gov/nonpub/handbookonservices/transportation.html

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