

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.

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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:

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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.

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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.

The District will only provide transportation to students enrolled in a non-public school (other than students placed in a non-public school pursuant to an IEP) if the schedule of the non-public school diverges from the schedule for provision of transportation of public school students of the District only if the provision of such transportation is reasonable under the circumstances, considering safety, convenience, efficiency, and cost to the district. The District will 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.

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Ref: Education Law §3635
Appeal of K.R. and M.F., 64 Ed. Dept. Rep. Dec. No. 18,547 (2025)
Appeal of Boyle, 31 EDR 208 (1991)
Matter of Ward, 29 EDR 153 (1989)
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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