

**Business and Noninstructional Operations**

**TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES**

Walking distances to a school or bus stop are:

Grades K – 5: one mile

Grades 6-8: one and one-half mile

Grades 9-12: three miles

Students who reside beyond walking distance shall be eligible for transportation to their school of residence.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation within the minimum distance when special problems or hazards exist.

The Superintendent or designee shall design school routes and stops so as to limit the need for red light crossovers.

(cf. 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

35350-35351 Authority to transport pupils

39800-39860 Transportation

41850-41854 Allowance for transportation

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The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

Students who reside beyond minimum transportation distances listed below shall be eligible for transportation service to the school of their attendance area: (Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 15241)

1. For elementary school students:

Grades K –5: one mile

2. For middle school students:

Grades 6-8: one and one-half mile

3. For students attending a four-year high school

Grades 9-12: three miles

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation within the walking distance when safety problems or hazards exist.

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School)

Students who attend a school outside their attendance area may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with Board policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parent/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules and stops and/or shall arrange for local media to publish such information.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

With the Board's authorization transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)

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2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 3541.1 – Transportation for School-Related Trips)

3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)

4. District employees or parents/guardians traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)

5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a Regional Occupational Program or Center (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupation Center/Program)

7. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)

8. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults pursuing other educational purposes (Education Code 39801.5)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

9. Private school students, in the same manner and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)

10. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:

- a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)

- b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)

- c. Transportation of government employees to and from their places of employment (Education Code 39840)

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program or Section 504 plan. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4, 300.17, 300.34)

(cf. 3541.2 – Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

**TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES (continued)**

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)  
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless students in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. When the student resides outside of district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the Superintendent of the district of residence to apportion the responsibility and costs of transportation. (42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine the provision, arrangement, and funding of transportation to enable foster youth to attend their school of origin when it is in the student's best interest to do so. (20 USC 6312)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)  
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)  
(cf. 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment)  
(cf. 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance Agreement)  
(cf. 5145.6 – Parental Notification)  
(cf. 5111.13 – Residency for Homeless Children)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900.5 Use of school buses for community recreation  
35330 Excursions and field trips  
35350-35351 Authority to transport pupils  
39800-39809.5 Transportation, general provisions, especially:  
39800 Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school  
39801.5 Transportation for adults  
39808 Transportation for private school students  
39830-39843 School buses, especially:  
39835 Use of school buses for community recreation  
39837 Transportation to summer employment program  
39837.5 Transportation of employees and parents/guardians to school activities  
39860 Transportation to school activities  
41850-41856 Allowances for transportation  
41860-41863 Supplementary allowances for transportation  
48853.5 Educational placement of students residing in licensed children's institutions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15240-15244 Allowances for student transportation

UNITED STATES CODE TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
6312 Transportation to maintain children in foster care in school of origin

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11432 (McKinney Homeless Assistance Act)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504  
300.17 Free appropriate public education  
300.34 Special education related services

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Special Education Pupil Transportation: Considerations in the Era of LCFE, Governance Brief, April 2014

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn/or/assignment.asp>Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: <http://www.ptsi.org>

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