

R 8611 SUBSCRIPTION BUSING

- A. Subscription Busing is transportation extended to students who do not meet the current Oakland Board of Education eligibility requirements (Board Policy 8600 Student Transportation). This transportation will be provided from currently existing bus stops or at bus stop locations as designated by the Board when seats are available. Transportation is provided only between the student's home and the school of attendance.

B. Application Procedure

Students will be assigned seats on first come, first served basis (applications will be dated and time stamped). If demand exceeds available seats, any distance criteria established by the Board may be considered in assigning seats. Correctly completed applications must be received in the Board of Education office no later than the close of business hours on the deadline date as specified by the Board for the current school year.

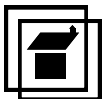
C. Payment

1. Parents whose children receive subscription busing will pay a fee for subscription busing in accordance with law;
2. A payment schedule will be established by the Board. First payments must be received in the district office by the above referenced deadline. Checks must be made payable to the Oakland Board of Education;
3. Payment amount will be established by the Board according to anticipated costs and will be adjusted accordingly by the Board for any given year;
4. The Board may establish a family rate for those families with more than two children using the busing services;
5. Refunds will be given at the discretion of the Board for the following reasons:
 - a. Transfer out of district;
 - b. Transfer to another school in the district;



- c. Assignment of new students who are eligible for mandated transportation, resulting in an unavailability of a subscription busing seat.
 - 6. Financial hardship consideration shall be given to parents who are interested in obtaining subscription busing, but cannot afford the busing due to financial hardship. Financial hardship shall be demonstrated by establishing eligibility for the free or reduced lunch program;
 - 7. Any parent who does not pay the subscription fee as agreed will forfeit the opportunity for future subscription busing;
 - 8. Seat availability will be determined annually after remote and courtesy riders eligible as a result of Board Policy 8600 Student Transportation have been assigned to buses and routes;
 - 9. Based on date and time of receipt of application and of any distance criteria established by the Board, available seats will be assigned;
 - 10. The Board reserves the right to remove any subscription students from the bus, if necessary, to provide busing for students meeting the previously established eligibility requirements (appropriate or prorated refunds will be given). Five days' notice will be given to a parent before a student is removed;
 - 11. A minimum of two seats will be reserved on every route for new students meeting the eligibility requirements detailed in Policy 8600 Student Transportation.
- D. Transported students will be assigned a bus seat and must remain seated during the bus ride. All buses will be equipped with seat belts, and students must use the seatbelt in the seat assigned to them. The rules and regulations for student conduct on the bus will be issued to each student annually. Violations of the rules may result in disciplinary action, including a forfeiture of one's bus transportation.

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