

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

It is the intent of the Board of Education to comply with the letter and spirit of the New York State Education Law; with the regulations of the Public Service Commission and of the Department of Transportation and with the Commissioner of Education's regulations and decisions pertinent to student transportation, and these shall govern any questions not covered by specific declaration of policy herein.

The purposes of the transportation program are to transport students to and from school, to transport them for extracurricular activities, to transport them on field trips, and to transport those requiring special services.

The Board of Education recognizes and assumes the responsibility for all aspects of the transportation of children wherein the health and safety of students are involved, for the Board of Education has a legal obligation to safeguard the welfare of bus-riding children. This implies that the Board is responsible for the safety of children transported and further implies that in no way shall education suffer as a result of transportation or lack of it.

The Board of Education recognizes the need to insure the safety of all students who participate in our transportation program. To that end we wish it to be known that no one, other than school officials, is to board any bus without the express permission of the driver of that vehicle. All school buses shall have a sign displayed in an appropriate place indicating that any individual who boards a school bus requires the permission of the bus driver. This sign shall also say that any violation of this will be dealt with by the District in a legal manner to insure the safety of the students on that bus.

Education Law §§ 3601(7) and 3635 et seq.

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7131 -- Education of Students in Temporary Housing

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