

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Policy of the Lafayette School Corporation authorizes transportation of resident students to and from designated authorized schools of attendance pursuant to Indiana law. In accordance with the above code, any resident school student shall be transported to and from the school which he/she attends at the beginning and the end of each school day if that school is beyond the distance specified in sub-paragraphs A, B, C, and D below. Transportation will be provided in a safe, expedient, and economical manner using public school collection points, routes, and schedules according to the following:

- A. Students enrolled in grades K through 12 who live one and one-half (1 ½) miles or more from their school are eligible for transportation to and from school.
- B. Students who live less than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from school may be transported if they are subjected to extreme safety hazards when walking to school. Such hazards include railroad crossings, state highways, lack of sidewalks, and major traffic intersections where there are no traffic guards.
- C. Collection points may be established along routes within reasonable walking distances from the residences of students.
- D. Transportation shall be provided, as required by law, for students with IEPs as specified in the related services section of their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- E. Parents or guardians of students who have been granted permission to attend an LSC school outside of their designated attendance area are responsible for providing transportation to and from the assigned school. Students who have received permission to attend an LSC school outside of their designated attendance area, to opt out of a district-mandated pilot program at their home school, may be eligible for transportation services.
- F. The Board authorizes the installation and use of video recording devices in the school buses to assist the bus driver in supervising, directing, and controlling the students while on the bus.
- G. The determination of distance from school to the student's home shall be made by the latest software version of the transportation routing program and reported to the nearest one hundredth of a mile. This number, and its associated method of calculation, rounding off, and errors, shall be used exclusively for the determination of the distance between the school and the student's home. The choice of transportation routing program shall be up to the superintendent or his/her designee, but the Board expects the administration to employ its discretion to obtain the most reasonably accurate and cost-effective software available for the specified use at a fair value for the Lafayette School Corporation.

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