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Transportation Routes and Services

The Board of Education directs the Chief School Administrator to supervise development of bus routes to provide safe, economical and reasonably expeditious transportation for:

A. Pupils who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;

B. Educationally handicapped pupils in accordance with their IEP;

C. Pupils participating in board-approved extracurricular activities or field trips;

D. Pupils whose route to the school is deemed hazardous by the board;

E. Other pupils as required by law.

The criteria to be used in designing routes and assigning pupils to them shall include:

A. The distance to be traveled to and from school;

B. The age and state of health of the child;

C. The requirements of the instructional program;

D. The hazards involved on the route to be traveled.

The board may charge parents/guardians for transporting pupils who live within statutory limits. The charge shall include, but not limited to the cost of fuel, driver salaries and insurance.

Transportation to and from school shall be provided as required by law to eligible nonpublic school pupils. All pupils riding on district buses shall be required to observe the district's bus conduct regulations or risk loss of the privilege of such transportation.

Buses, whether contracted or district-owned, shall be kept in optimum condition and shall conform to all state safety regulations.

Bus routes must be acted upon by the board and submitted to the county office.

Waiver of Eligible Transportation Services

Each school year a parent/guardian of a pupil who is eligible for transportation services under the law may sign a written statement waiving the pupil’s right to those services. This written statement shall be in the form that is determined by the Department of Education.

If there is a case of a family or economic hardship during the school year in which the parent/guardian has waived the pupil’s transportation service rights, the district will make provisions to provide transportation to the pupil during this hardship.

Legal References: Use legal reference sheet.

Cross References: List your appropriate policies. See legal reference sheet for possibilities.

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