Student Transportation

Transportation shall be provided for all children attending grades kindergarten through 8 who live more than two (2) miles from the school which they legally attend and for all children attending grades 9 through 12 who live more than three (3) miles from the school which they legally attend and shall be provided for each such child up to a distance of fifteen (15) miles; the distance in each case being measured by the nearest available route from home to school. When transportation is provided, as per state law, door to door service may not be provided. Pick-up and drop-off points may be up to two miles from the home for K-8 grade students and three miles from the home for 9-12 students.

It is the intent of the Board of Education to comply with the letter and spirit of Education Law 3635; the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and those Commissioner of Education decisions pertinent to the transportation of students, which shall govern any questions not covered by this Policy and/or Regulations promulgated by the Superintendent of Schools.

1. Transportation for students shall be provided in the following manner:

    a. For students in elementary and middle school (grades kindergarten through 8) who live more than 2 miles but less than 15 miles from their schools, the District will provide transportation by private carrier (yellow bus).

    b. For students in high school (grades 9-12) who live more than 3 miles but less than 15 miles from their schools, the District will provide transportation by either private carrier (yellow bus) or public carrier (bus or train).

2. High School students (grades 9-12) who are eligible for transportation generally will be offered passes to travel on public carriers whenever both of the following conditions are met:

    - The student's total walking distance (one way) between home and the public carrier, and the public carrier and the school, totals less than 3 miles ; and

    - Using Public transit schedules and other measurement criteria set forth in the Regulation (see paragraph 4) the student can reasonably be expected to travel to school, and to travel home, within 1.5 hours each way, requiring no more than one transfer each way.

High school students who do not meet these criteria but who are entitled to transportation will be transported by private carrier (yellow bus). The District shall determine which students' meet the criteria set forth above and shall give reasonable notice to the parent(s)/guardian(s) prior to the start of the school year.

3. Notwithstanding a student's eligibility for public transportation as set forth in paragraph 2 above, the District, in its discretion, may determine that a different mode of transportation is warranted for reasons of efficiency or economies associated with transporting multiple students to a particular school, or to schools located near each other, or from homes located near each other.

4. The Superintendent or his/her designee will be responsible for establishing regulations and a parent transportation information handbook that set forth guidelines for transportation eligibility consistent with this policy, as well as procedures for obtaining transit passes. The regulations and transportation information handbook will be reviewed annually and posted on the District website.

5. In accordance with this policy and the accompanying Regulations, the Superintendent or his/her designee will be responsible for calculating individual eligibility and for determining the mode of transportation, bus routes and bus stops.

6. This policy does not apply to students who receive special transportation accommodations as per his/her Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a written accommodation plan pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

7. A student attending a non-public school within fifteen (15) miles of the student's legal residence shall be eligible for transportation to and from such non-public school using the criteria set forth above, provided the student's parent/guardian submits a digital request to the District for transportation no later than April 1st in the school year preceding the school year for which transportation is being requested.

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29 USC 701 et seq
20 USC 1400 et seq
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