

8600 TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education will provide transportation for public and non-public school pupils who must walk a distance of 1.5 miles or greater to their assigned schools. Distances shall be measured from the door of the domicile closest to the school along the safe route as established by the Board, to the main entrance of the school.

Exceptions to this policy may be made by the Board of Education for the following reasons:

1. Kindergarten pupils who must walk a distance of .5 miles or greater.
2. Classified special education pupils, upon the recommendation of the Child Study Team, as specified in the child's IEP.
3. Pupils who must walk along a major roadway (not an internal street) which does not have sidewalks.
4. Pupils who must walk across a State or Interstate road.
5. Other individual cases, as determined by the Board of Education, which represent clear and present hazards to the safety of pupils.
6. Other individual cases, as determined by the Board of Education, which represent hardship or other extraordinary circumstances, provided pupils are otherwise eligible.

Transportation routes shall be adopted by the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator, to provide safe, economical and reasonably expeditious transportation for all eligible pupils.

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

1. The distance and time to be traveled to and from school;
2. The hazards involved on the route to be traveled;

3. The age and state of health of the child; and
4. The requirements of the instructional program.

Such routes shall be designed so as to ensure the maximum number of pupils on each bus as is permitted by law, and the least number of buses or routes necessary to accomplish this policy.

Bus stops which shall be established along these routes shall be limited in number so as to provide maximum efficiency in time of actual transportation. When pupil domiciles are in proximal clusters, a single stop shall serve such a cluster of homes. In no case shall a pupil walk greater than .5 miles to a bus stop.

Pupils who are entitled to transportation under this policy may be picked up or discharged, upon written request of parent or guardian, at another established stop on the same route to which the pupil is entitled to be transported.

All pupils riding on district buses shall be required to observe the districts 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.

The Board requires pupils on school buses so equipped to fasten properly the seat belts which are provided. The bus driver shall ensure that pupils properly fasten their seat belts and shall inform the school Principal of any pupil who refuses or persistently neglects to fasten his/her seat belt. The Building Principal shall be responsible for taking disciplinary measures appropriate to an infraction of this policy. These may include, but not be limited to conferring with parents/guardians, and temporarily suspending the privilege of bus transportation, during which time the parents/guardians shall be responsible for the pupil's transportation.

N.J.S.A.18A:39-1 et seq.
N.J.S.A.27:15-16
N.J.S.A.39:3B-1 et seq.
N.J.A.C.6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.; 6A:27-3.1.

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