

**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 Department of Motor Vehicles 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.

**School Bus Schedules**

The District may either mail schedules directly to parents or have parents pick up schedules at school. Should the District wish to post school bus schedules online, access to the schedules will be password protected.

**Use of Buses by Community Groups**

Upon formal application and approval by the District Business Official, buses may be rented or leased to a municipal corporation; to any senior citizen center recognized and funded by the Office for the Aging; to any not-for-profit organization serving those with disabilities; or, to any not-for-profit organization which provides recreational youth services or neighborhood recreation centers. Such rentals/leases can be made only for times when vehicles are not needed for student transport. The District retains the right to accept or reject any application which is filed pursuant to this policy and may establish the maximum number of persons other than students that may ride any school bus.

Education Law Sections 1501-b, 3602(7), 3620-3628, 3635 and 3636