

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS**Requests For Transportation to and From Non-Public Schools**

The parent or guardian of a parochial or private school child residing in the School District who desires that the child be transported to a parochial or private school outside of the School District during the next school year should submit a written request to the Board of Education no later than April 1 of the preceding year, or within thirty (30) days of moving into the District. No late request of a parent or guardian shall be denied where a reasonable explanation is provided for the delay.

Private and parochial students will be transported according to the Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. They will be carried by the buses of the District when they are sufficient in number to warrant the use of a bus in their behalf. If only a small number are to be carried, contracts may be made with a private carrier to provide this transportation. When riding a District bus imposes a hardship on the child, contracts may be drawn with a private carrier to alleviate these hardships.

The establishment of routes to accommodate this transportation will be done in the most cost effective manner without jeopardizing student safety.

Transportation of Students With Disabilities

Students with disabilities in the District shall be transported up to fifty (50) miles (one way) from their home to the appropriate special service or program, unless the Commissioner certifies that no appropriate nonresidential special service or program is available within fifty (50) miles. The Commissioner may then establish transportation arrangements.

Transportation of Non-Resident Students

The District shall not extend its bus routes outside of the District to pick up non-resident students.

Extracurricular Activities

Educational field trips should be conducted along lines designed to insure the greatest educational value consistent with economy, efficiency and well-being of students. Because of fatigue factors, the necessary multi use of District vehicles and personnel, and the marginal value of trips where travel time exceeds educational opportunity, the Board of Education suggests fifty (50) miles in one direction as an approximate limit for these trips.

When, at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, the above policy deprives students of the unique educational opportunities afforded by a specific destination being beyond the established mileage limit, this policy may be waived.

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Buses may also be used for student spectators of interscholastic games at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

The Superintendent of Schools will notify the Board of Education in advance of any trip for which he/she has waived this policy.

Transportation to School Sponsored Events

If the District provides transportation for student athletes participating in inter-scholastic competition and students attending District sponsored educational field trips, students will not be authorized to use any other means of transportation when participating in these events, unless the principal or his/her designee authorizes such alternate transportation. The principal shall require written application prior to approval. As an exception to this policy a coach may release a student to the parent/guardian for transportation from an inter-scholastic event upon the receipt of a written request from the parent/guardian.

After School Transportation

Elementary: If bus routes are established to provide transportation for after school co-curricular activities, the routes shall be limited to centralized drop off points.

Middle/High School: The Board of Education shall determine each year, the extent to which transportation will be provided for resident students in grades 6-12 engaged in after school co-curricular activities. The routes shall be limited to centralized drop off points.

Private/Parochial Schools: Requests for late school transportation from school to home must be requested by private and parochial schools no later than April 1st for transportation beginning September 1. Such requests shall be in writing from the Chief School Administrator of the private or parochial school and contain the names and addresses of the students to be transported and the anticipated activities for which students will need transportation.

Education Law Sections 3635,
4401(4), 4404, and 4405

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