

8600 TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education views the transportation of students to school as a shared responsibility between parents/guardians, township officials, the school district and the transportation provider. Neither the school district, the provider, the township government, nor the parents/guardians working alone; can provide a safe, effective, and efficient system of student transportation.

The Board of Education shall transport eligible students to and from school and school related activities in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1 et seq. and Board policy. Transportation shall be provided only to eligible public, nonpublic, choice, and charter school students, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

Pre-school to grade one students will be returned to school if parent/guardian is not available to receive the student from the bus. Students in the latchkey program are not entitled to bus service during the latchkey session for which they are enrolled; i.e., morning latchkey students will not be bussed to school and afternoon latchkey students will not be bussed from school - no exceptions.

The Board will transport disabled students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq. and Policy No. 8670.

Bus routes for all non-remote students who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes will be designated. The Board will consider, but shall not be limited to, the criteria outlined in N.J.S.A 18A:39-1.5 in determining "Hazardous Routes."

The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of nonresident students to or from school, except that transportation to and from school will be provided for homeless children for whom the district is determined to be the district of residence and for homeless children enrolled in this district when no district of residence has been determined.

The Board will transport resident children who attend a nonpublic or charter school in the State of New Jersey not more than twenty miles from their residence, but not a lesser distance from their residence than that required for the transportation of students enrolled in the schools of this district. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2, students living more than twenty miles from their nonpublic school are eligible for transportation services when other students living within the district, whose residence is less than twenty miles from school, are transported to the same nonpublic school.

Aid in lieu of transportation will be provided to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of nonpublic, choice, and charter students pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1. When the schools of this district are closed for inclement weather or other conditions, no transportation will be provided for students enrolled in any public, nonpublic and/or charter school.



When the Board provides transportation of students to and from county vocational schools and/or schools classified pursuant to Chapter 46 of N.J.S.A. 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and/or when the Board has in the prior year provided payments in lieu of transportation for any nonpublic schools pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 or the Board cannot provide transportation in the ensuing school year the Board will utilize Camden County Educational Services Commission (CCESC) for providing cooperative transportation services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1. The Board will attempt to use one of the agencies prior to determining to pay aid in lieu of transportation if in the prior year payments in lieu of transportation were provided. The Board will provide to the CCESC any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.

When the costs to provide transportation in cooperation with CCESC is less than the aid in lieu of payments, the Board will contract with the CCESC to provide transportation. The Board will make the determination on the manner in which transportation services shall be provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1 and shall notify the nonpublic school and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the nonpublic school by August 1 prior to the beginning of the school year.

Transportation in cooperation with CCESC will not be required when the district can provide transportation at a lower cost than the CCESC or the transportation provided by CCESC does not fall within the policies of the Board regarding length of ride and assignment of students to a route based on student age or classification.

Vehicles used to transport students to and from school or school related activities shall meet standards, registration and inspection requirements of the New Jersey Departments of Education and Transportation. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the State Board of Education and the Department of Education Policy and Procedures Manual for Pupil Transportation.

All students riding on buses shall be required to observe the district's bus conduct regulations or risk loss of the privilege of such transportation.

Exceptions to this Policy will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent.

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

Adopted:

