

8600 TRANSPORTATION (M)

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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 and nonpublic school students, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones. The Board may provide courtesy transportation to and from school for public school students less than remote. Courtesy transportation shall be provided to public school students in grades Pre-K through 5th grade who live 1.25 miles or farther from their assigned school.

A shuttle bus service will be provided between South Mountain Elementary School and the Annex for students who live closer to one building, but attend school in the other. A shuttle bus will also be provided between the Seth Boyden Elementary School neighborhood and Columbia High School for Columbia High School students.

Nonpublic school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.1 et seq.

Charter or renaissance school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-3.1 et seq.

Students with special needs shall be provided transportation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1.

The Board will approve all transportation routes each school year. The Board may require the compilation of a list of the names of students being transported by a school bus to a school-sponsored activity, including but not limited to, field trips or interscholastic sports programs. The staff member(s) supervising the



school-sponsored activity shall create a list of students on each school bus and submit it to the Principal or designee, and the Principal or designee shall maintain the list for use in the case of emergency in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.5.

Transportation routes for all non-remote students who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes will be designated and approved by the Board. The District shall consult with the Township of South Orange Village and Maplewood Township regarding the designation of additional hazardous routes. When a parent/guardian wants to have a student's walking route evaluated for a possible hazardous designation, they should contact the district's Director of Safety and Security. The route will be assessed using the criteria outlined in Policy 8600.1.

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 students; students residing in group homes; students residing in resource family homes; and students residing in shared custody homes pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5.

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 or nonpublic school, charter school, and/or renaissance school.

The Board shall utilize cooperative/coordinated transportation services in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-10.1 et seq. The Board shall utilize 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 cooperative/coordinated transportation services any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.

Vehicles used to transport students to and from school or school-related activities shall meet standards, registration, and inspection requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), the New Jersey Motor Vehicle



Commission (NJMVC), and any applicable Federal regulations. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the New Jersey State Board of Education and the NJDOE.

In addition to the provisions of any State law, rule, or regulation containing more stringent requirements, provided that those requirements are compatible with Federal law, and notwithstanding the provisions of any State law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, school bus operations in the State shall comply with the requirements outlined in N.J.S.A. 39:3B-27.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.; 18A:39-1 et seq.; 18A:39-11.1 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 27:15-16

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.; 39:3B-2.1; 39:3B-10; 39:3B-27
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.;
6A:27-3.1 et seq.; 6A:27-4.1 et seq.; 6A:27-5.1;
6A:27-6.2 through 6.5;
6A:27-7.1 et seq.; 6A:27-9.1 et seq.;
6A:27-10.1 et seq.; 6A:27-11.1 et seq.;
6A:27-12.1 et seq.

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