

8600 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 and nonpublic school students, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

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.

~~**{Only Required for School Districts that Provide Courtesy Busing**~~

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~~The Board may provide transportation to and from school for public school students less than remote.~~

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~~**{Optional for School Districts Limiting Time a Student is Riding on a School Bus**~~

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~~The Board has determined that no public school student in grades _____ to _____ shall be required to ride a school bus more than _____ minutes one way per day.~~

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~~**{Optional for School Districts Limiting a Student's Walking Distance to Bus Stops**~~

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~~Students in grades _____ shall not be required to walk more than _____ miles to the bus stop to which they have been assigned.~~

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~~**{Optional for School Districts that Provide Transportation to a Student with a Temporary Disability**~~

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~~The Board will transport students certified by a physician as temporarily disabled regardless of the distance between their home and school.~~

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.

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 whether new transportation patterns resulting from the elementary integration initiative lead to the designation of additional hazardous routes. Additionally, the district shall consult with the Township of South Orange Village to determine whether the following routes continue to be designated as hazardous for children walking:

1. The route from West Montrose area to Marshall School along Montrose Avenue to Grove Road.
2. The route from West Montrose area to Marshall School along Vose Avenue to Raymond Avenue to Grove Road.
3. The route to South Mountain School along Irvington Avenue to South Orange Avenue.
4. The route to South Mountain School along 3rd Street to South Ridgewood Road to South Orange Avenue.

In so doing, the district may consider, but shall not be limited to, the following criteria outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.5:

- (1) Population density;
- (2) Traffic volume;
- (3) Average vehicle velocity;
- (4) Existence or absence of sufficient sidewalk space;
- (5) Roads and highways that are winding or have blind curves;
- (6) Roads and highways with steep inclines and declines;
- (7) Drop-offs that are in close proximity to a sidewalk;
- (8) Bridges or overpasses that must be crossed to reach the school;
- (9) Train tracks or trestles that must be crossed to reach the school; and
- (10) Busy roads or highways that must be crossed to reach the school.

Any hazardous routes shall be added to this policy.

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.

~~[Only required for any school district located in a county of the third class with a population of not less than 80,000 and not more than 120,000. A third class county is defined as a county that does not border the Atlantic Ocean and has a population between 50,000 and 200,000.~~

~~Transportation services will be provided in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2(e)1, and this Policy to a nonpublic school located outside the State not more than twenty miles from the student's home.]~~

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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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