

### TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education shall transport eligible pupils 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:2701 et seq. and Board policy. Transportation shall be provided only to eligible public and non-public (and charter, if applicable) school pupils, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

The Board will provide transportation to and from school for public school pupils less than remote from their school in grades Kindergarten through Eighth who live more than one mile from the school they attend, and in grades Ninth through Twelfth who live more than one and a half miles from the school they attend.

The Board has determined that no public school pupil in grades Kindergarten through Twelfth shall be required to ride a school bus more than seventy minutes one way per day. The Board has determined that no non-public and/or charter school pupil shall be required to ride a school bus more than one hundred twenty minutes one way per day.

Pupils in grades Kindergarten through Twelfth shall not be required to walk more than one thousand five hundred feet to the bus stop to which they have been assigned.

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

The Board will transport disabled pupils in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:46-1 et seq.

The Board will approve all bus routes by August 31<sup>st</sup> of each school year. Bus routes for all non-remote pupils 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 non-resident pupils 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.

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The Board will transport resident children who attend a non-public 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 pupils enrolled in the schools of this District. Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:27-2.2, pupils living more than twenty miles from their non-public school are eligible for transportation services when other pupils living within the District, whose residence is less than twenty miles from school, are transported to the same non-public school.

Aid in lieu of transportation will be provided to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of non-public and charter pupils 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 pupils enrolled in any public, non-public and/or charter school.

When the Board provides transportation of pupils 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 non-public schools pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:39-1, or the Board cannot provide transportation services in accordance with N.J.S.A.18a:39-11.1, the Board will attempt to use MOESC 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 MOESC any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.

When the costs to provide transportation in cooperation with MOESC is less than the aid in lieu of payments, the Board will contract with MOESC 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 non-public school and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the non-public school by August 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the beginning of the school year.

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

Vehicles used to transport pupils 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.

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The Chief School Administrator shall develop procedures for the safe drop-off of PreSchool and Kindergarten students so that a responsible party is available to accept delivery of the child.

#### Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-25	Transportation Aid
N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.6	Transportation (budget line item)
N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-13	Transportation services (charter schools)
N.J.S.A. 18A:3901 et seq.	Transportation To and From Schools
See particularly: N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.2 through 1.9	
N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.6	Transportation to location or maintenance of vehicular Classrooms to obtain services; payment of cost
N.J.S.A. 18A:46-23	Transportation of pupils; special classes, handicapped Children; state aid
N.J.S.A. 39:30-10.9 et. al	New Jersey Commercial Drivers License Act
N.J.S.A. 39:3-27	Free registration of certain vehicles; transfer to other motor vehicles
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et. seq.	Student Transportation
See particularly: N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1(b), -2.1, -3.1, -5.1, -6.2, -6.3, -6.4, -9.1(e), -11.1, -13.3	
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et. seq.	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
Parents for Student Safety, Inc. v. Morris Bd. Of Ed. , 1986 S.L.D. (February 5) St. Bd. Rev'g 1984 (August 24), aff'd App. Div. unreported decision (docket no. A-3257-85-T7, decided February 17, 1987) certif.. den. 108 N.J. 180 (1987)	
Wayne Board of Education v. Kraft et al., 139 NJ 597 (1995)	
Policies and Procedures Manual for Pupil Transportation, NJ Department of Education	
Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts	

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