

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education affirms its goal of providing a safe and economical transportation system for district students. Transportation shall be provided at district expense to those students who are eligible as authorized by the Board.

The major objectives in the management of the student transportation program shall include the following:

1. to provide efficient, effective and safe service;
2. to ensure that all students whose disability or distance from school requires them to receive necessary transportation do, in fact, receive it;
3. to adapt the system to the demands of the instructional program;
4. to maintain transportation vehicles in the best possible condition;
5. to review at least once a year school bus schedules and routing plans to ensure that maximum efficiency and safety are maintained; and
6. to review at least once a year the eligibility for transportation of students residing in the district, to ensure that all entitled to the services receive them.

The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for administering the transportation program. The program shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and policies established by federal, state and local authorities.

Cross-ref: 5300, Code of Conduct

Ref: Education Law §§305(14); 1501-b; 1807; 3602(7); 3623; 3635 et seq.  
*Matter of Handicapped Child*, 24 EDR 41 (1984)  
*Matter of Zakrezewski*, 22 EDR 381 (1983)  
*Matter of Nowak*, 22 EDR 91 (1982)  
*Matter of Fox*, 19 EDR 439 (1980)

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### **SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING**

The District Transportation Supervisor and Assistant Superintendent of Schools shall establish bus routes. Authorized bus stops shall be located at convenient intervals in places where students may embark and disembark the buses, cross highways, and await the arrival of buses in the utmost safety allowed by road conditions.

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## SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING REGULATION

Bus routes will be established under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools in cooperation with the District Transportation Supervisor.

1. Limitations. Authorized bus stops will be located at convenient intervals in places where students may be loaded and unloaded, cross highways, and await the arrival of buses with the safety allowed by road conditions.
2. Fixed Stops. Fixed bus stops will be established using the following guidelines:
  - a. generally, dead-end and loop streets will not be serviced by school buses. Whenever possible, stops will be at the intersections of two streets;
  - b. numbers of students at bus stops will be varied according to the concentration of riders in an area, the degree of traffic, the presence of stop signs, speed limits, and bus turn-around requirements;
  - c. Approximately 10 to 15 students will be the usual number scheduled for pickup at any one point;
  - d. walking distances to pickup points may be varied according to grade level.
  - e. an effort will be made to minimize crossing of the road by students.
3. Side Roads. Transportation will be provided on side roads that are maintained by town highway departments unless the lack of maintenance makes it unsafe for drivers and students to be traversing these roads. Examples of unsafe conditions are flooding, road erosion, ice, snow and mud.
4. Private Roads. Transportation will not be provided on highways that have not been dedicated and/or maintained by town, county, and/or state highway departments.
5. Turnarounds. Turnarounds will not be established unless adequate space is available and this space is properly maintained.
6. Major Highways. Transportation service will be provided to residents living along major highways.
7. District Map. Maps will be used to determine the transportation requirements necessary to satisfy the needs established by state law, Board policy, and voter mandate. This map will clearly show student location, loading and unloading locations, and routes traveled. The map will be reviewed annually.

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