

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation between home area and school will be provided for each resident child attending a State-approved, nonpublic school in accordance with O.R.C. §3327.01. Transportation for students experiencing homelessness will be provided in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.

General Provisions

- A. All provisions of law, State Department of Education regulations, and local Board of Education regulations pertaining to transportation shall be in effect and shall be applied uniformly to all resident students.
- B. All determination of distances shall be made by authorized Board personnel, and such determination shall govern the application of these policies.
- C. All determinations of distance shall be by the closest dedicated route and shall be to the edge of the school lot line from the edge of the home lot line.
- D. The supervision of students while riding the bus is the direct responsibility of the driver. Transportation will be denied to students whose conduct is such as to disturb good order and discipline. Such students will be referred to the appropriate principal for such other discipline as may be deemed necessary. The safety of all the students must be the primary concern in such instances.
- E. No ineligible student may be transported at any time without specific authorization from the Superintendent or his/her designee. There is no provision in law for the transportation of ineligible students with or without payment of fees.
- F. All exceptions will be granted for a period of one year only and will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- G. Exceptions granted by the Administration will be documented in writing, including rationale for exceptions, to the Board for informational purposes only.
- H. All students must ride their regularly scheduled bus to and from school unless they have a written request from their parent or legal guardian describing an emergency or unusual situation. This note must be presented to the building principal on the morning of the request.
- I. No student can be transported outside of the attendance area for his/her school. In an emergency situation, the student can be transported to another location in the attendance

area. The student will be dropped off at the established stop closest to the location that is desired.

- J. The District shall not reduce the transportation it provides to students that it is not required to transport under O.R.C. §3327.01, but that it chooses to transport, during a school year after the first day of that school year.

School Bus Transportation Program

In accordance with the standards prescribed by the Ohio Department of Education, the Board shall present a school bus riding program to all students in Kindergarten through third grade who are offered bus transportation. Students in Kindergarten through third grade that transfer into the school system will also be provided bus safety instruction. The program shall consist of instruction in bus rider behavior, school bus safety, and the potential problems and hazards associated with school bus ridership.

Students Experiencing Homelessness

- A. Transportation shall be provided homeless children and youth to and from the child's school of origin, if requested by the child's parent or guardian or the liaison on behalf of an unaccompanied youth.
- B. For transportation other than to the school of origin, transportation services shall be provided homeless children and youth that are comparable to services offered to other students.
- C. The District shall work to eliminate transportation issues that act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless children.

Bus Routes and Bus Stop Restrictions

Bus route and bus stops will be established on roads that are under federal, state, county, and township jurisdiction. School transportation vehicles will **not** be routed over undedicated roads, private roads and private gated roads or into cul-de-sac roadways unless approved by the Superintendent for purpose of efficiency, safety and to overcome logistical challenges.

LEGAL REFS: 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.; O.R.C. §§3327.01; 3327.16

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