

Business Operations

NEW

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Board recognizes and assumes the responsibility for all aspects of the transportation of children where the health and safety of students are involved, in light of its legal obligation to safeguard the welfare of bus-riding children. The purposes of the transportation program are to transport students to and from school, to transport them for extracurricular activities, to transport them on field trips, and to transport those requiring special services.

Scheduling and Routing

Bus routes are authorized by the Board and any requests for a change must be submitted to the Superintendent or designee.

Transportation services will be provided to meet the needs of the students of the District within specified limits and areas established by the Board.

School Bus Schedules

The District may either mail schedules directly to parents or request that parents pick up schedules at the school. Should the District decide to post school bus schedules online, access to the schedules will be password protected.

Use of Buses by Community Groups

Upon formal application to and approval by the Board, buses may be rented or leased to a municipal corporation; to any senior citizen center recognized and funded by the Office for the Aging; to any not-for-profit organization serving those with disabilities; or, to any not-for-profit organization which provides recreational youth services or neighborhood recreation centers. Rentals or leases will be made only for times when vehicles are not needed for student transport and for a consideration acceptable to the Board which will not be less than the full amount of the costs and expenses resulting from the lease or rental.

Education Law §§ 1501-b, 3602(7), 3620-3628, 3635 and 3636

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7131 -- Education of Homeless Children and Youth

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It is the intent of the Board to comply with the letter and spirit of the New York State Education Law; with the regulations of the Public Service Commission and of the Department of Transportation and with the Commissioner of Education's regulations and decisions pertinent to pupil transportation, and these shall govern any questions not covered by specific declaration of policy herein.

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The Board recognizes and assumes the responsibility for all aspects of the transportation of children wherein the health and safety of pupils are involved, for the Board has a legal obligation to safeguard the welfare of bus-riding children. This implies that the Board is responsible for the safety of children transported and further implies that in no way shall education suffer as a result of transportation or lack of it.

The responsibility for administering the transportation program of the District shall rest with the Superintendent or his or her designee. He or she shall develop regulations and procedures for the use of all vehicles, buses, cars and the like, in accordance with applicable laws and Board policy.

Education Law Section 3635

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