

Auxiliary Services

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Policy Title Student Eligibility for Bus Service Code No. 702.2

Elementary students living more than one mile from their designated school attendance centers are provided transportation to and from their attendance center at the expense of the school district. Students who live less than one mile from their attendance center may be provided transportation if the district determines they do not have a safe walking route.

Transportation of students who require special education services will generally be provided as for other students, when appropriate. Specialized transportation of a student to and from a special education instructional service is a function of that service and, therefore, an appropriate expenditure of special education instructional funds generated through the weighting plan.

Transportation of a student to and from a special education support service is a function of that service, and is specified in the individualized education program (IEP). When the IEP team determines that unique transportation arrangements are required and the arrangements are specified in the IEP, the school district will provide one or more of the following transportation arrangements for instructional services and the AEA for support services:

- Transportation from the student's residence to the location of the special education and back to the student's residence (or child care placement) for students below the age of six.
- Special assistance or adaptations in getting the student to and from and on and off the vehicle, en route to and from the special education.

The school district is not required to provide reimbursement to parents who elect to provide transportation in lieu of agency-provided transportation.

A student may be required, at the board's discretion, to meet a school vehicle without reimbursement up to three-fourths of a mile. The board may require the parent to transport their children up to two miles to connect with school bus vehicles at the expense of the school district when conditions deem it advisable. It is within the discretion of the board to determine such conditions. Parents of students who live where transportation by bus is impracticable or unavailable may be required to furnish transportation to and from the designated attendance center at the expense of the school district. Parents who transport their children at the expense of the school district are reimbursed at the rate per mile set by the district. Transportation arrangements made by agreement with a neighboring school district will follow the terms of the agreement. Students who choose to attend a school in a school district other than their resident school district will provide transportation to and from the school at their own expense.

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Transportation routes will be subject to the following qualifications:

- a. Buses will remain on publicly maintained highways.
- b. Routes will be as nearly circular as possible.
- c. Buses will not backtrack on any road so long as weather and road conditions permit.
- d. Students may be required to meet a school bus on a publicly maintained highway a distance not to exceed three-fourths of a mile.
- e. Children from several separate families, in populated areas, may be asked to congregate at one point for speed of pick-up.

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