

Policy 702.02: Student School Transportation Eligibility

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Elementary and middle school students living more than two miles from their designated school attendance center and high school students living more than three miles from their designated attendance center shall receive transportation to and from their attendance center at the expense of the District.

Enrolled students requiring special education shall meet the distance requirements stated above for transportation to and from their designated attendance center at the expense of the District. Costs associated with required specialized transportation or other required transportation in the student's individual education plan, other than to and from the child's home, and transportation to and from a special education instructional program shall be borne by the special education program. Required unique transportation according to the student's individualized education plan to and from the student's home to the special education program shall be the expense of the District whether provided by the District or by the parent.

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) or the individualized family service plan (IFSP). When the IEP or IFSP team determines that unique transportation arrangements are required and the arrangements are specified in the IEP or IFSP, the school district will provide one or more of the following transportation arrangements for instructional services and the AEA for support:

- Transportation from the student's residence to the location of the special education and back to the student's residence, or child care placement that is located within the district boundaries 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.
- Reimbursement of the actual costs of transportation when by mutual agreement the parents provide transportation for the student to and from the special education program within the boundaries of the district.

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

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 District. 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 shall be 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, shall be reimbursed at the rate per mile set by the state. A student may be required at the Board's discretion to meet a school bus vehicle without reimbursement up to three-fourths of a mile.

The board may consider students who otherwise are not eligible for transportation services to be offered transportation on a payment basis. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy.

Transportation arrangements made with a neighboring District shall follow the terms of the agreement. Students, who choose to attend a school in a District other than their resident District, shall provide transportation to and from the school at their own expense.