

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 pupils.
- B. All determination of distances shall be made by authorized Board of Education 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 pupils while riding the bus is the direct responsibility of the driver. Transportation will be denied to pupils whose conduct is such as to disturb good order and discipline. Such pupils will be referred to the appropriate principal for such other discipline as may be deemed necessary. The safety of all the pupils must be the primary concern in such instances.
- E. No ineligible pupil may be transported at any time without specific authorization from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee. There is no provision in law for the transportation of ineligible pupils 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 of Education 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.

K. Unless excepted by O.R.C. §3327.01, the District shall provide transportation to students enrolled in a community school or nonpublic school on each day in which that school is open for operation with students in attendance, regardless of whether the District's own schools are open for operation with students in attendance on that day.

L. Students receiving transportation shall be delivered to their respective public and nonpublic schools not sooner than 30 minutes prior to the beginning of school and District transportation will be available to pick them up not later than 30 minutes after the close of their respective schools each day.

School Bus Transportation Program

In accordance with the standards prescribed by the Ohio Department of Education, the Board of Education 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.

Community School and Chartered Non-Public School Transportation

A. Each community school or chartered nonpublic school shall establish the school's start and end times for a particular school year not later than the first day of April prior to that school year, and shall provide such start and end times to the District if it expects the District will be responsible for providing transportation to eligible enrolled students that school year.

B. The District shall use those start and end times to develop a transportation plan, including transportation routes and schedules, for eligible students who enrolled in a community or chartered nonpublic school and shall provide such transportation plan to the community or chartered nonpublic school within 60 days after receiving the information. If a school provides the start and end times to the District after the first day of April but before the first day of July, the District shall attempt to provide a transportation plan to the school by the first day of August of that school year.

C. For any eligible student who enrolls in a community or chartered nonpublic school after the first day of July prior to that school year, the District shall develop a transportation plan, including transportation routes and schedules, for that student within fourteen business days of receiving a request for transportation services from the student's parent or guardian.

LEGAL REFS: 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.; O.R.C. §§3327.01; 3327.016; 3327.16

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