

8600 TRANSPORTATION (M)

The Board of Education shall transport eligible pupils to and from school and school related activities in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1 et seq. and Board policy. Transportation shall be provided only to eligible public and nonpublic (and charter, if applicable) school pupils, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

The Board will provide transportation to and from school for public school pupils less than remote from their school when deemed necessary by the Transportation Department.

The Board may decide to enter into a contract to provide transportation to and from school for public and nonpublic school pupils less than remote from their school with the parent or legal guardian paying costs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.3. Pupils will not be excluded from receiving these transportation services if it is determined the parent/legal guardian cannot pay the cost in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.4. Such transportation shall be provided in accordance with Policy and Regulation No. 8611, Subscription Busing.

The Board will transport pupils certified by a physician as temporarily disabled regardless of the distance between their home and school.

The Board will transport disabled pupils in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq. and Policy No. 8670.

The Board will approve all bus routes each school year. Bus routes for all non-remote pupils who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes will be designated. The Board will consider, but shall not be limited to, the criteria outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.5 in determining "Hazardous Routes."

The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of nonresident pupils to or from school, except that transportation to and from school will be provided for homeless children for whom the district is determined to be the district of residence and for homeless children enrolled in this district when no district of residence has been determined.

The Board of Education may upon application by interested parents and payment of a fee, provide bus transportation from and returning to a designated bus stop within the boundaries of the Borough of Glassboro to and from a non-public school. The non-resident students will be required to adhere to the Glassboro School District Code of Conduct during all times when riding the school bus.



The Board will transport resident children who attend a nonpublic or charter school in the State of New Jersey not more than twenty miles from their residence, but not a lesser distance from their residence than that required for the transportation of pupils enrolled in the schools of this district. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2, pupils living more than twenty miles from their nonpublic school are no longer eligible for transportation services or aid in lieu of transportation beginning the 2009-2010 school year.

Aid in lieu of transportation will be provided to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of nonpublic and charter pupils pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1. When the schools of this district are closed for inclement weather or other conditions, no transportation will be provided for pupils enrolled in any public, nonpublic and/or charter school.

When the Board provides transportation of pupils to and from county vocational schools and/or schools classified pursuant to Chapter 46 of N.J.S.A. 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and/or when the Board has in the prior year provided payments in lieu of transportation for any nonpublic schools pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 or the Board cannot provide transportation in the ensuing school year the Board will utilize Gloucester County Special Services School District for providing cooperative transportation services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1. The Board will attempt to use one of the agencies prior to determining to pay aid in lieu of transportation if in the prior year payments in lieu of transportation were provided. The Board will provide to the Gloucester County Special Services School District any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.

When the costs to provide transportation in cooperation with Gloucester County Special Services School District is less than the aid in lieu of payments, the Board will contract with the Gloucester County Special Services School District to provide transportation. The Board will make the determination on the manner in which transportation services shall be provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1 and shall notify the nonpublic school and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the nonpublic school by August 1 prior to the beginning of the school year.

Transportation in cooperation with Gloucester County Special Services School District will not be required when the district can provide transportation at a lower cost than the Gloucester County Special Services School District or the transportation provided by Gloucester County Special Services School District does not fall within the policies of the Board regarding length of ride and assignment of pupils to a route based on pupil age or classification.



Bus stops shall be assigned to each student by the Transportation Supervisor.

- **All bus stops shall be reviewed every year and may be changed as deemed by the Transportation Supervisor.**
- **Bus stops shall be based on:**
 1. **Safety of location**
 2. **Number of students at stop**
 3. **Age of students**
- **The Transportation Supervisor may combine current bus stops to reduce the amount of stops per route to increase efficiency and accommodate time restrictions.**
- **Requests for change of bus stop shall be reviewed by the Transportation Supervisor on an individual basis. The Transportation Supervisor shall review requests and approve/deny if deemed necessary and within a reasonable timeframe.**
- **Appeals to a bus stop related decision by the Transportation Supervisor must be reviewed by the Business Administrator and the Business Administrator must render a final decision.**
- **Bus drivers are prohibited from changing a bus stop without permission, and just cause, from the Transportation Supervisor.**

Vehicles used to transport pupils to and from school or school related activities shall meet standards, registration and inspection requirements of the New Jersey Departments of Education and Transportation. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the State Board of Education and the Department of Education Policy and Procedures Manual for Pupil Transportation.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 27:15-16

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.; 6A:27-3.1

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