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[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 106, 109, 125, 140, 149, 156 and 218]

8600 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education shall transport eligible students 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 students, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

Nonpublic school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.1 et seq.

Charter or renaissance school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-3.1 et seq.

Optional

[Only Required for School Districts that Provide Courtesy Busing

The Board may provide transportation to and from school for public school students less than remote ~~The Board will provide transportation to and from school for public school students less than remote from their school in grades _____ who live more than _____ miles from the school they attend and in grades _____ who live more than _____ miles from the school they attend.]~~

[Optional for School Districts Limiting Time a Student is Riding on a School Bus

The Board has determined that no public school student in grades _____ to _____ ~~or classified as _____~~ shall be required to ride a school bus more than _____ miles or _____ minutes one way per day. ~~The Board has determined that no nonpublic and/or charter school student shall be required to ride a school bus more than _____ minutes one way per day.]~~



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[Optional for School Districts Limiting a Student's Walking Distance to Bus Stops

Students in grades _____ shall not be required to walk more than _____ miles to the bus stop to which they have been assigned.]

Optional

~~[The Board may decide to enter into a contract to provide transportation to and from school for public and nonpublic school students 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. Students 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.]~~

[Optional for School Districts that Provide Transportation to a Student with a Temporary Disability

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

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

Students with special needs shall be provided transportation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1.

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



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The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of nonresident students to or from school, except that transportation to and from school will be provided for **homeless students; students residing in group homes; students residing in resource family homes; and students residing in shared custody homes pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5** ~~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 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 students enrolled in the schools of this district. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2, students living more than twenty miles from their nonpublic school are eligible for transportation services when other students living within the district, whose residence is less than twenty miles from school, are transported to the same nonpublic school.~~

Optional

[Only required for any school district located in a county of the third class with a population of not less than 80,000 and not more than 120,000. A third class county is defined as a county that does not border the Atlantic Ocean and has a population between 50,000 and 200,000.]

Transportation services will be provided in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2(c)12, and this Policy to a nonpublic school located outside the State not more than twenty miles from the student's home.]

~~Aid in lieu of transportation will be provided to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of nonpublic and charter students 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 students enrolled in any public, nonpublic, and/or charter school, and/or renaissance school.~~

~~When the Board provides transportation of students 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~~



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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 shall will utilize _____ for providing cooperative/coordinated transportation services in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-10.1 et seq. The Board shall utilize 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 cooperative/coordinated transportation services _____ any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.~~

~~When the costs to provide transportation in cooperation with _____ is less than the aid in lieu of payments, the Board will contract with the _____ 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 _____ will not be required when the district can provide transportation at a lower cost than the _____ or the transportation provided by _____ does not fall within the policies of the Board regarding length of ride and assignment of students to a route based on student age or classification.~~

~~Vehicles used to transport students to and from school or school related activities shall meet standards, registration, and inspection requirements of the New Jersey Departments of Education (NJDOE), and the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC), Transportation and any applicable Federal regulations. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the New Jersey State Board of Education and the NJDOE Department of Education Policy and Procedures Manual for Pupil Transportation.~~



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In addition to the provisions of any State law, rule, or regulation containing more stringent requirements, provided that those requirements are compatible with Federal law, and notwithstanding the provisions of any State law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, school bus operations in the State shall comply with the requirements outlined in N.J.S.A. 39:3B-27.

N.J.S.A. **18A:18A-1 et seq.**; 18A:39-1 et seq.; **18A:39-11.1 et seq.**

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

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.; **39:3B-2.1; 39:3B-10; 39:3B-27**

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.; 6A:27-3.1 et seq.;
6A:27-4.1 et seq.; 6A:27-5.1; 6A:27-6.2 through 6.5;
6A:27-7.1 et seq.; 6A:27-9.1 et seq.; 6A:27-10.1 et seq.;
6A:27-11.1 et seq.; 6A:27-12.1 et seq.

Adopted:

