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Transportation of **Special Needs Students** ~~Disabled Students~~

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[See POLICY ALERT No. 147, 172 and 218]

8670 TRANSPORTATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS ~~DISABLED STUDENTS~~

The Board of Education shall provide transportation services for students with **special needs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1, disabilities as required by law and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) dictated by the student's educational needs and physical welfare.** The Board will provide the transportation **in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1** ~~specified as a related service in the program of special education approved for a disabled student with special needs pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.9(a)7.~~ **Such transportation will conform to the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and the transportation requirements described by the Child Study Team or prescribed by the school physician. Such transportation services may include, but are not limited to, special transportation equipment, transportation aides, and special arrangements for other assistance to and from school.**

When an out-of-district placement for educational reasons is made, tTransportation shall be provided consistent with to a placement outside this district will conform to the school calendar of the receiving school. A copy of the school calendar shall be submitted to the resident district by May 15 preceding the year in which transportation is required, or at the time of placement if it occurs after May 15.

~~The transportation of a disabled student may include such special equipment, transportation aides, and special arrangements for other assistance to and from and in and around the school.~~ When necessary for the student's welfare, the **student's case manager shall** ~~will~~ provide the transportation coordinator **or responsible staff member** and the bus driver with specific information about the student **including safety concerns, mode of communication, and health and behavioral characteristics of a student for whom transportation services are to be provided.**

~~For~~ **Sstudents with special needs disabilities below the age of five; shall be transported in vehicles equipped with safety belts or other child restraint systems, in accordance with applicable Federal and State regulations will be used.**



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The transportation of ~~disabled~~ students **with special needs** to special education programs approved by the Board and located outside the State will conform to guidelines established by the New Jersey State Department of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2(c)1. ~~Such transportation services will be dictated by the student's IEP and approved by the Child Study Team. The individual plan for a disabled student's out of State transportation will be submitted to the Office of the County Superintendent prior to its implementation. In general, transportation of out of State disabled students will be by the most economical and expeditious mode consistent with the student's special needs and will be limited to travel at the beginning and the ending of the school year.~~

State aid will be sought for the services provided in accordance with law and this Policy. The Board directs that appropriate records be maintained and all relevant documentation be preserved in order that the district be properly reimbursed for the costs of transportation.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.; 18A:39-2.1; 18A:46-19.6; 18A:46-23

N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.9(a)7; **6A:27-2.2**; 6A:27-5.1 et seq.

Adopted:

