

TRANSPORTATION

The board recognizes that transportation for some school students to and from school is required for the promotion of education by convenient access, the safeguarding of children, and the partial equalization of inequities among students which may have been caused by the location of school facilities.

The board of trustees and or the lead person shall notify the resident Public School districts as required by law to arrange and provide transport (or aid in lieu of transportation) for eligible students to and from school.

This includes:

- A. Resident and non-resident students;
- B. Transportation to and from school for public school students in grades K-12;
- C. Student in grades nine through twelve who live more than 2 ½ miles from the school; and
- D. Educationally disabled students where such service is prescribed in a student's Individualized Education Program.

Waiver of Eligible Transportation Services

Each school year a parent/guardian of a student who is eligible for transportation services under the law may sign and transmit to the local district a written statement waiving the student's right to those services. This written statement shall be in the form that is determined by the Department of Education.

If there is a case of a family or economic hardship during the school year in which the parent/guardian has waived the student's transportation service rights, the local school district will make provisions to provide transportation to the student during this hardship.

School Activities

The board will provide transportation to school related activities in accordance with law and this policy. Transportation shall be provided only to eligible school students, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

The safety and welfare of students shall be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. The board directs the lead person to provide regulations and forms for the immediate reporting of all incidents involving a contracted vehicle.

The board recognizes that it is the responsibility of the bus contractor to comply with all State and federal statutes and regulations including those pertaining to safety.

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Key Words

Transportation, Busing, Buses, Student Transportation

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-57 Calculation of state aid for transportation
N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.6 Transportation (budget line item)
N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-13 Transportation services (charter schools)

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<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:39-1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:39-1.2 through -1.9	Transportation To and From Schools
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46-19.6	Transportation to location or maintenance of vehicular classrooms to obtain services; payment of cost
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46-23	Transportation of students; special classes; handicapped children; state aid
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 39:3-10.9 <u>et al.</u>	New Jersey Commercial Drivers License Act
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 39:3-27	Free registration of certain vehicles; transfer to other motor vehicles
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:27-1.1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:27-1.1(b), -2.1, -3.1, -5.1, -6.2, -6.3, -6.4, -9.1(e), -11.1, -13.3	Student Transportation

Parents for Student Safety, Inc., v. Morris Bd. of Ed., 1986 S.L.D. (February 5), St. Bd. rev'g 1984 S.L.D. (August 24), aff'd App. Div., unreported decision (docket no. A-3257-85-T7, decided February 17, 1987) certif. den. 108 N.J. 180 (1987)

Wayne Board of Education v. Kraft et al., 139 NJ 597 (1995)

Policies and Procedures Manual for Student Transportation, N.J. State Department of Education

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*3220/3230	State funds; federal funds
	*3516	Safety
	*3541.31	Privately owned vehicles
	*3541.33	Transportation safety
	*4211	Recruitment, selection and hiring
	*6145	Extracurricular activities
	*6153	Field trips

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.