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8600 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.

The Board of Education directs the Department of Transportation to develop bus routes to provide safe, economical and reasonably expeditious transportation for:

1. Students who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;
 - a. The words "remote from the schoolhouse" shall mean beyond two and one half miles for grades nine through twelve and beyond two miles for students in grades Kindergarten through eight.
 - b. Measurement shall be made by the shortest route along the public roadways or public walkways between the entrance of the student's residence nearest such public roadway or public walkway and the nearest public entrance of the school which the student attends.
 - c. For the purposes of determining remoteness in connection with student transportation, measurement shall be made by Transfinder, computerized transportation software.
 - d. Eligible students will be assigned to a specific route or stop and shall not be permitted to ride on or any other route, or enter or exit the vehicle at any other than their assigned stop.
 - e. Non eligible students shall not ride the bus.



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2. Educational disabled students in accordance with their IEP;
3. Students participating in Board of Education approved extracurricular activities or field trips; and
4. Other students as required by law.

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

Transportation to and from school shall be provided as required by law to eligible nonpublic and charter school students.

Aid in lieu of transportation may be provided to a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of nonpublic and charter students pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1. Board of education may not be required to pay aid in lieu of transportation when the application for transportation and/or payment vouchers is not properly submitted. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1, boards of education shall not expend more than the maximum per student expenditure for nonpublic school transportation. Administrative fees charged by a CTSA are not to be included in the maximum per student expenditure calculation. Aid in lieu will not be provided to any student that does not meet the mileage requirements of transportation. The Paterson Board of Education shall not be held financially responsible if nonpublic or charter schools do not provide correct information on the School Transportation Summary (B8T's) or provide parent (s) or legal guardian (s) with the correct documents in a timely manner. Payment in lieu of transportation shall only be made in compliance with N.J.A.C. Title 6:21-1.2. No payment shall be made after June 30.

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 children for whom the district is determined to be the district



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of residence and for homeless children enrolled in this district when no district of residence has been determined.

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.

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 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 County Educational Services Commissions 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 County Educational Services Commissions any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.

When the costs to provide transportation in cooperation with County Educational Services Commissions is less than the aid in lieu of payments, the Board will contract with County Educational Services Commissions 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.

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



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when other students living within the district, whose residence is less than twenty miles from school, are transported to the same nonpublic school.

Transportation in cooperation with County Educational Services Commissions will not be required when the district can provide transportation at a lower cost than the County Educational Services Commission.

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 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.

In an effort to provide a safe, predictable and accountable system for student transportation in the most efficient and cost effective manner, where appropriate, students will only be picked up and dropped off at the specific common stops as designated by the transportation department. The transportation department will determine and assign stop locations based on specific roadway and community conditions. Drivers will not be permitted to accept or release students at undesignated stops. All students riding on the buses shall be required to observe the district's bus conduct regulations or risk loss of privilege of such transportation.

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

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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