

Policy

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES

The River Edge Board of Education directs the superintendent to supervise development of bus routes to provide safe, economical and reasonably expeditious transportation for:

- A. Students who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;
- B. Educationally disabled students in accordance with their IEP;
- C. Students participating in board-approved extracurricular activities or field trips;
- D. Students whose route to the school is deemed hazardous by the county;
- E. Other students as required by law.

The criteria to be used in designing routes and assigning students to them shall include:

- A. The distance to be traveled to and from school;
- B. The age and state of health of the child;
- C. The requirements of the instructional program;
- D. The hazards involved on the route to be traveled.

Transportation to and from school shall be provided as required by law to eligible nonpublic school students and to students attending charter schools. All students riding on district buses shall be required to observe the district's bus conduct regulations or risk loss of the privilege of such transportation.

Buses, whether contracted or district-owned, shall be kept in optimum condition and shall conform to all state safety regulations.

Bus routes must be acted upon by the board and submitted to the county office.

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 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 district will make provisions to provide transportation to the student during this hardship.

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Key Words

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES (continued)

Student Transportation, Transportation, Busing, Buses, Courtesy Busing, Nonpublic School Students, Student Transportation

- Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-57 Calculation of state aid for transportation
N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-13 Transportation services (charter schools)
N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. Transportation To and From Schools
See particularly:
N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.2 through -1.9
N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1c Parents right to waive eligible transportation rights
N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.6 Transportation to location or maintenance of vehicular classrooms to obtain services; payment of cost
N.J.S.A. 18A:46-23 Transportation of students; special classes; handicapped children; state aid
N.J.S.A. 39:3-10.9 et al. New Jersey Commercial Drivers License Act
N.J.S.A. 39:3-27 Free registration of certain vehicles; transfer to other motor vehicles
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1et seq. Student Transportation
See particularly:
N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1(b), -2.1, -3.1, -5.1, -6.2, -6.3, -6.4, -9.2(e), -11.1, -13.3
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
- 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

- Cross References:** *3220/3230 State funds; federal funds
*3516 Safety
*3541.31 Privately owned vehicles
*3541.33 Transportation safety
*4211 Recruitment, selection and hiring
*5200 Nonpublic school students
*6145 Extracurricular activities
*6153 Field trips

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