



Section Four: Students

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470 – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES MANAGEMENT

Introduction

Although the School Act no longer requires Boards of Education to provide student transportation services, in accordance with this Policy and Regulation 470R, the Board of Education has committed to providing subsidized transportation services.

Policy

1. The Board may provide subsidized transportation to eligible students and, where possible, courtesy riders to travel between a designated bus stop and their designated area school. At the Board’s discretion, the following options for transportation of students are:
 - a subsidized Board operated bus;
 - transportation assistance payments to parents;
 - alternate means of transportation.

The Board recognizes that many students are not eligible for bus transportation. The transportation of such students on existing bus routes is authorized, provided space is available. These students are considered courtesy riders.

2. The Board also recognizes that, in some situations, it may be necessary for the District to relocate students from one school to another. These students are eligible for School District transportation options if they are directed to a school beyond the Transportation Eligibility limits for their home.
3. The Board also authorizes the use of school buses for curricular or extra-curricular field trips for students as outlined in Policy 525: *Field Trips*. Staff who are supervising and volunteers who are assisting a field trip or an athletic event may ride a school bus.



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4. The Board believes that school buses are an extension of the school. Therefore:
 - 4.1 students travelling on school buses are under the jurisdiction of their principal and are subject to the code of conduct of their school and the District;
 - 4.2 first priority for the use of school buses shall be transporting students to and from schools to attend school in accordance with standard school hours.