

R 8600 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

General Requirements - Students Remote From School

A. The Board will transport:

1. Students who reside remote, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1. (a)1. and (a)2., from their assigned district school of attendance;
2. Nonpublic school students who reside remote from their school of attendance and meet the eligibility criteria of N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.1 et seq.;
3. Charter school or renaissance school students pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-3.1 et seq.;
4. Students with special needs shall be provided transportation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1
5. School choice students pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-4.1 et seq.; and
6. Special population students pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-6.2 through 6.5.

Hazardous Routes

The Board will approve all bus routes each school year. Bus routes for all non-remote students who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes will be designated and approved by the Board. The Board will approve a list of hazardous routes in the district requiring the courtesy busing of students and the criteria used in designating the hazardous routes. In adopting Policy and Regulation 8600 and the list of hazardous routes, the Board may consider, but shall not be limited to, the criteria outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.5 as follows:

1. Population density;
2. Traffic volume;
3. Average vehicle velocity;
4. Existence or absence of sufficient sidewalk space;
5. Roads and highways that are winding or have blind curves;



6. Roads and highways with steep inclines and declines;
7. Drop-offs that are in close proximity to a sidewalk;
8. Bridges or overpasses that must be crossed to reach the school;
9. Train tracks or trestles that must be crossed to reach the school; and
10. Busy roads or highways that must be crossed to reach the school.

A school district shall work in conjunction with municipal officials in determining the criteria necessary for the designation of a hazardous route.

Cooperative/Coordinated Transportation Services

- A. The Board shall utilize cooperative/coordinated transportation services in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-10.1 et seq.

School Bus Use and Standards

- A. All school buses bid or purchased shall be equipped in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-10 – School Bus Safety Equipment.
- B. School bus drivers and all school bus passengers shall be required to wear seat belts when transported in school buses so equipped. Seat belts shall be fastened when the driver and passengers board the vehicle and they shall be kept fastened at all times while on board the vehicle. Seat belts may be unfastened only when the individual is departing the vehicle. The Board further requires that drivers and passengers using private vehicles to transport students wear seat belts in the same manner.
- C. There shall be displayed on every bus subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1, signs or legends which will, insofar as practicable, inform the driver of any vehicle concerning the duty imposed upon him/her by law with respect to passing a bus, while it is loading or unloading. The signs or legends shall be in a color, form, and design as will meet the requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education.

An agency, Board of Education, nonpublic school, or school bus contractor operating a school bus subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 shall display across the rear of the school bus a telephone number, website address, or other identifying information which shall allow the public to report a bus driver's misconduct while operating the school bus to the Board of Education or nonpublic school for which the school bus provides transportation. The lettering shall be of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.



The Board of Education or nonpublic school shall comply with New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) regulations regarding: the appropriate Board of Education or nonpublic school official or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; the appropriate actions which a Board of Education or nonpublic school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; and the time period during which a Board of Education or nonpublic school may act to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3B-2.1.

- D. The Board requires every school bus bid or purchased that is used to transport public, non-public, charter, and/or renaissance school students will be equipped with a crossing control arm at the right front corner of the bus. The arm must open and extend out from the bus at least five feet each time the bus door is opened.
- E. School bus purchase, use, and standards must meet Federal and State standards and must be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. – Public School Contracts Law.

Operation and Management of Transportation System

- A. The Transportation Coordinator shall
 - 1. Prepare a map of the district on which each bus stop and bus route is indicated or, alternatively, prepare an itinerary of bus routes that may be used in conjunction with a map of the school district;
 - 2. Prepare and promulgate procedures to be followed in the event of a bus emergency, bus safety, bus driver training and rules governing the conduct of all students transported by the Board in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.1 et seq. and 6A:27-12.1 et seq.;
 - 3. Maintain such records and make such reports regarding school transportation as are required by the State Board of Education; and
 - 4. Prepare the specifications for each bus route or contract for which proposals will be sought by the Board in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-9.1 et seq.
- B. 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 NJDOE



Courtesy Busing Regarding Hazardous Routes

A list of hazardous routes and the criteria used in determining the routes will be determined yearly.

Courtesy Busing for Other Reasons

There may be situations in which the Board of Education deems it necessary to provide courtesy transportation for pupils. In such cases the Board of Education will determine on an annual basis.

Parental Transportation

The district will provide required transportation to all pupils in accordance with all State codes and regulations. At times, special education parents may option to transport their child for medical and/or other reasons. In such cases a parental transportation contract will be issued and approved by the Board of Education. The following will apply regarding the aforementioned:

1. Parents who travel a daily total of under 20 miles a day will be paid \$30 per day.
2. Parents who travel a daily total of over 20 miles a day will be paid \$40 per day.
3. The Board will review extraordinary cases.

Definition: Daily total means driving the child from home to school in the morning and picking the child up in the afternoon from school to home. Payment is based on the actual number of days student attends school.

Transportation Eligible

Remote From School

In accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code pupils shall be transported to school if they reside remote from school, defined as residing more than 2-1/2 miles from the high school (grades 9 through 12) and more than 2 miles from the elementary and middle school (grades Kindergarten through eight), except for pupils with disabilities.



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High School

Pupils residing in the northwest section-Monroe Street, north of Wellington Road; all of Fairview and Van Dyke Streets; area north of and including Manchester Road and west of and including Belmont Road, Morningside Road, north of Glenwood Road; west of 114-117 Avondale Road; west of 111-114 Hamilton Road north of 823 Hillcrest Road. Pupils residing in the southwest section-southwest of Gardner Road; McKinley Place, northwest of 212-213; Grandview Circle, west of 305-306; Highland Ave., southwest of 224-225; Mountain Ave., southwest of 202; area northwest of and including Marlborough.

Benjamin Franklin Middle School

Pupils residing in the southeast area-Arcadia Road south of 669; Delaware Ave.; Dorchester Road: Stevens Ave. south of 500-501; South Pleasant Ave. south of 482-479; Grove Street east of 670; Berkshire Road; Ellington Road; Midwood Road; Newcomb Road; Hunter Road; Prospect Street; Hopper Ave.; Grove Street west of 375.

Hawes School

Pupils residing east of Route 17

Hazardous Busing

Busing to and from school is provided for safety reasons as determined by the Board. Safety reasons include but are not limited to lack of sidewalks and traffic density.

Ridge School

Pupils residing in the Goffle Road and Rock Road Area

Benjamin Franklin Middle School

Pupils residing East of Route 17

George Washington Middle School



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Pupils residing in the Goffle Road and Rock Road Area

Ridgewood High School

Pupils residing east of Route 17, pupils residing in the Goffle Road and Rock Road Area

Courtesy Busing

Ridge and Willard Schools

As a result of redistricting pupils residing in the Central Business District

George Washington Middle School

Pupils residing in the Ridge and Willard Central Business District

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