

## 8651 COMMUNITY USE OF TRANSPORTATION

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

1. Pupils who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;
2. Pupils whose route to the school is deemed hazardous by the Board;
3. Educationally disabled pupils;
4. Pupils participating in extracurricular activities or field trips.

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

1. The distance to be traveled to and from school;
2. The hazards involved on the route to be traveled;
3. The age and state of health of the child; and
4. The requirements of the instructional program.

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

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to permit the use of its school buses for the purpose of:

1. Transporting pupils enrolled in Kindergartens operated by the Ridgewood Public Schools to the Infant/Toddler Development Center at the Glen School, provided all costs incurred by the district are refunded by the Infant/Toddler Development Center; and
2. Transporting Ridgewood Public Schools staff members to and from official meetings when required.



3. The Board shall also make school-owned vehicles available to transport groups of qualified senior or disabled citizens to civic, social, cultural, educational, recreational, nutritional and health programs and activities within the district, or in the immediately surrounding districts, provided the distance does not exceed ten miles. "Qualified" senior citizens are persons over sixty residing in the area served by this school district and their spouses of less than sixty if they are accompanying them.

Further, the Board will make district buses available to groups of children and adults for transportation to and from municipal programs or events.

The Superintendent shall formulate administrative regulations in conformity with N.J.A.C. 6:21-12.2 and all other pertinent law. These regulations shall provide for payment by the group of all costs incurred by the district in such use of its vehicles. The costs shall include but not be limited to the costs of fuel, driver salaries, insurance, and depreciation. The regulations will also refer to, without duplicating, all current regulations governing conduct of the public on and/or using school facilities.

The Board shall approve the use of buses for all non-school purposes.

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

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-22 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-5.4

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.8 et seq.

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