

Transportation Briefing



There are a myriad of federal laws, state statutes and District policies to be aware of when looking at transporting students. Below are a few resources listed for you, followed by a summary of key transportation points to consider.

Resources

Student Transportation Procedures - Board Policy 751 Rule <https://goo.gl/kMIKgy>

Transportation by School Districts - State Statute 121.54 <https://goo.gl/izTwNw>

Wisconsin DPI Transportation Homepage - <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/transportation>

Key Student Transportation Facts

- We are required to transport
 - All K-12 students living two miles or more from their attendance area school
 - All 4K students living ½ mile or more from their attendance area school (Board Policy)
 - All Special Needs students with transportation as a related service in their Individualized Education Program (IEP)
 - All students who have been identified as part of the McKinney Vento Program
 - All students that the District places in a school, when services at the attendance area school are not adequate to meet the needs of the student (Board Policy)
 - Students who live in an area defined as unusually hazardous. Per state statute, a hazard is “an existing condition which constitutes more than ordinary hazard and which seriously jeopardizes the safety of pupils in their travel to and from school.”
- By state statute, we are NOT required to transport
 - Students who live less than the required distance from the school of residence
 - Students who have transferred within the district by their own request
 - Students who open enroll into other districts
- According to board policy we transport student using the following criteria
 - Bus rides should not exceed 75 minutes in length for all grades.
 - In most cases, students will be picked up at corner bus stops. These stops must conform to the following guidelines:
 - 4K-5 stops should be less than ¼ mile from the residence
 - 6-12 stops should be less than ½ mile from the residence
 - Federal law indicates that Special Needs students are transported according the stipulations in their IEPs (usually a home stop), depending on their need, they may ride a Special Needs bus or a Regular Education bus. We strive, whenever possible, to route them with their regular education peers to provide the least restrictive environment.
- Ineligible students may still be able to ride using a Parent Paid Contract
 - Cost is \$200 per student per year (half the cost of other districts)
 - Bus route cannot be rerouted for a parent paid contract
 - Buses are not added for parent paid contracts