

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES

Routes and Bus Stops

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For elementary school students:

K-3: three-fourths mile

4-5 Grades one mile

2. For students attending a three-year junior high school:

Grades 6-8: one mile

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation between these limits when safety problems or hazards exist.

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School)

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules and stops. He/she may also arrange for local media to publish such information.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES (continued)

With the Governing Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)
2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)
4. District employees and parents/guardians traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)
5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)
6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a regional occupational center or program (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)

(cf. 6178.2 Regional Occupational Center/Program)

7. Non-school purposes as allowed by law, such as:
 - a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)
 - b. Public Transportation (Education Code 39841)

Students who attend school outside of their school attendance area or district boundaries may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with district policy.

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education programs or Section 504 plan.. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4, 300.17, 300.34)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Plan)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless children in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation. When the student resides outside of district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district of residence to apportion the responsibility and costs of transportation. (42 USC 11432)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine the provision, arrangement, and funding of transportation to enable foster youth to attend their school of origin when it is in the student's best interest to do so. (20 USC 6312)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Kindergarten Students

To insure the safety of Kindergarten students, drivers are to release Kindergarten students at the bus stop only if there is a responsible adult there to receive them. This adult may be the parent/guardian or another person selected in writing by the parent/guardian. When requested by the parent/guardian, a Kindergarten student may be released to walk home with an older sibling. The older sibling must be grade three (3) or higher and the parent must sign a waiver of responsibility. If the older sibling is absent, the Kindergarten student will not be released to walk on their own.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

10900.5 *Use of school buses for community recreation*
35330 *Excursions and field trips*
35350 *Authority to transport pupils*
39800-39809.5 *Transportation, general provisions, especially:*
39800 *Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school*
39801.5 *Transportation for adults*
39808 *Transportation for private school students*
39830-39842 *School buses, especially:*
39835 *Use of school buses for community recreation*
39837 *Transportation to summer employment program*
39837.5 *Transportation of employees and parents/guardians to school activities*
39860 *Transportation to school activities*
41850-41857 *Allowances for transportation*
41860-41863 *Supplementary allowances for transportation*
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
15240-15244 *Allowances for student transportation*
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
11432 *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
104.4 *Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/bus/index.html>
Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: <http://www.ptsi.org>