

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION

The District shall provide a safe, efficient system of transportation for all students in the District.

The District shall provide free transportation for all students in the District: (1) residing at a distance of one and one-half miles or more from their assigned schools, and (2) residing within one and one-half miles from their assigned schools where walking would constitute a serious hazard due to vehicular traffic and adequate public transportation is not available. A student's parent/guardian may file a petition with the Board requesting transportation due to the existence of a serious safety hazard. If a student is at a location within the District other than his or her residence for child care purposes at the time for transportation to school, that location may be considered for purposes of determining the one and one-half miles from the school attended. Free transportation services and vehicle adaptation for special education students shall be provided if included in the students' individualized educational programs or as otherwise required by law. Special education students and non-public school students shall be transported in accordance with State law. Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with Section 45/1-15 of the Education for Homeless Children Act. Foster care students shall be transported in accordance with Section 6312(c)(5)(B) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Bus schedules and routes shall be determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee and shall be altered only with the Superintendent or his/her designee's approval and direction. In setting the routes, the pickup and discharge points shall be as safe and convenient for students as possible. District bus schedules shall be distributed through the building principal at the beginning of each school year.

Students shall be transported to and from school activities only in vehicles authorized by the Administration. No school employee may transport pupils in school or private vehicles unless authorized by the Administration and in compliance with legal requirements and liability coverage requirements.

Every vehicle regularly used for the transportation of students must pass safety inspections in accordance with State law and Illinois Department of Transportation regulations.

Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Vehicle Inspection

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a pre-trip and post-trip inspection procedure to ensure that the school bus driver: (1) tests the two-way radio or cellular radio telecommunication device and ensures that it is functioning properly before the bus is operated, and (2) walks to the rear of the bus before leaving the bus at the end of each route, work shift, or work day, to check the bus for children or other passengers in the bus.

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LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-22.22 and 29-1, *et seq.* (105 ILCS 5/10-22.22 and 5/29-1, *et seq.*);
23 Ill. Admin. Code §1.510 and §227.750.
Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §6312(c)(5)(B).
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 *et seq.*
105 ILCS 45/1-15 and /1-17.
625 ILCS 5/12-813, 5/12-816

CROSS REF.: 465.07

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