

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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Each student who is transported shall be entitled to free transportation provided he/she abides by the rules of safety and behavior necessary to operate the District's transportation system. Serious infraction of these rules may result in the loss of the student's privilege. The student's parent(s), as defined by Florida Statutes, shall be responsible for making sure the student abides by the rules or for providing the student's transportation. Suspension from a bus shall not affect the attendance laws and rules.

- I. Any student who resides two (2) or more miles from his/her designated school by the most direct traveled route is eligible to ride the school bus to and from that school. These students shall be reported for funding purposes. Under the following conditions, students who reside within two (2) miles of the designated school may be eligible to ride the school bus.
 - A. Special authorization is granted by the School Board.
 - B. An exceptional student not requiring special care may ride a school bus regardless of distance from home to school upon furnishing a statement from the supervisor of exceptional students certifying that the student is handicapped and is unable to walk to school.
- II. A student who is eligible for transportation and resides beyond the accessibility of a school bus may be provided transportation by payment from the School Board to the parent(s) for use of a private automobile or other conveyance for this purpose.
- III. Exceptions may be made in the case where a child is handicapped or when it has been determined that the nearest route taken will be extremely unsafe for the child to walk due to the traffic, natural hazards, or other peculiar circumstance.
- IV. Determination of such unsafe conditions shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent upon the consideration of findings of the supervisor of transportation in cooperation with the bus operator, and recommendations of school administration, law enforcement agencies, or local safety groups.
- V. No person shall be eligible for transportation on a field trip or extracurricular school trip unless he/she is authorized by the principal or designee.
- VI. Periodically student transportation routes and student walking conditions shall be reviewed to determine if hazardous conditions exist. Appropriate requests for designation of hazardous conditions shall be provided as required by state law or State Board of Education rules.

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- VII. Any person who boards, enters, or remains upon a school bus without authorization will be subject to immediate arrest and prosecuted provided there was sufficient notice of the trespass. Sufficient notice includes a clearly posted sign on the bus, or a verbal warning given by the school bus operator, the principal, a school district employee or law enforcement personnel.

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