

School District No. 22 (Vernon)

POLICY

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES MANAGEMENT

Introduction

Although the School Act no longer requires Boards of Education to provide student transportation services, in accordance with this Policy and Regulation, the Board of Education has committed to providing subsidized transportation services.

It is the parent's responsibility to determine how their children will safely travel to and from school or to and from the bus pick up and drop off locations. The district provided transportation services are one option.

The School Board is responsible for the safety of students while being transported by bus, from the time they board the bus in the morning until they disembark from the bus in the afternoon.

The School Board is not responsible for the safety of the route the student may travel to and from the school or bus stop.

Policy

1. The Board may provide subsidized transportation to eligible students (as defined by Regulation) and, where possible, courtesy riders to travel between a designated bus stop and their designated area school. At the Board's discretion, the following options for transportation of students are:
 - A subsidized Board operated bus;
 - Transportation assistance payments to parents;

The Board recognizes that many students are not eligible for bus transportation. The transportation of such students on existing bus routes is authorized, provided space is available. These students are considered courtesy riders. Out of catchment and courtesy riders may be accommodated when space is available.

2. The Board also recognizes that, in some situations, it may be necessary for the district to relocate students or place students from one school to another. These students are eligible for School District transportation options if they are directed to a

school beyond the Transportation Eligibility limits for their home. Prior consideration of available route and space on school buses with Transportation Supervisor approval is required prior to relocation or placement of students.

3. The Board also authorizes the use of school buses for curricular or extra-curricular field trips for students as outlined in Policy 9.8.0 Travel. Staff who are supervising and volunteers who are assisting a field trip or an athletic event may ride a school bus.

Students

4. The Board believes that school buses are an extension of the school. Therefore:
 - 4.1. Students travelling on school buses are under the jurisdiction of their principal and are subject to the code of conduct of their school and the School District Code of Conduct Policy 9.14;
 - 4.2. First priority for the use of school buses shall be transporting students to and from schools to attend school in accordance with standard school hours.

Related Documents:

Policy 9.8.0 School District Student Travel
Policy 9.14 School District Code of Conduct
School Act, Sections 83 & 85
Motor Vehicle Act
Motor Carrier Act
National Safety Code