



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The major purpose of school transportation is to get students who live an unreasonable walking distance from school to school and back in an efficient, safe, and economical manner. Other purposes include the provision of transportation for academic field trips in direct support of the curriculum, and transportation for support of the co-curricular program (athletics, music, drama, and the like).

District-owned buses will be provided for the transport of students to and from school. As it is impractical to transport certain special education students by regular bus, as with some co-curricular activities, they may be transported by other conveyance. While under the direct supervision of the superintendent, the transportation director – working in conjunction with the athletic director and/or building principals – will be responsible for the day to day operation of the school transportation system and the scheduling and routing of all vehicles and implementing all transportation regulations. Typically in August, the board shall review and approve the proposed rural and any in-town bus route service.

District-owned vehicles are to be operated by authorized school employees or designated officials who are properly licensed. These drivers must meet all state licensing requirements and are to be assigned a specific bus, bus route, or activity trips by the transportation director.

Management of the school transportation program will meet the following criteria:

1. Adequacy: Does the program provide both necessary and sufficient transportation to and from school and for all other school programs?
2. Safety: Does the scheduling and operating of the program take into consideration hazards, potential dangers to pupils, and all appropriate safeguards?
3. Economy: Is the program operated in the most efficient manner possible after considering the constraints imposed by criteria of adequacy and safety?

Evaluation: The school transportation program or, more specifically, student behavior will be monitored by the principals and the transportation director on a daily basis.

An overall evaluation, including status of transportation fleet, will be conducted by the transportation supervisor during the months of November and June of each school year, with a “summary report” of same submitted to the superintendent and the Board.