

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES

Routes and Bus Stops

Students who attend a school outside their attendance area may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with Governing Board policy.

The number of available vehicles owned and operated by the district is limited. These vehicles are provided for the purpose of carrying out the required operation of the district and shall not be used for personal reasons

Transportation services may be provided for students who live within their home school boundary and outside the non-transportation radius area. Non-transportation radius area will be measured in radius fashion, straight-line distance from each school site. The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops to promote the safety of students and maximum efficiency in the use of buses.

The following non-transportation radius distances are hereby established:

| Grade | Distance |
|--------------|-----------------|
| K-5 | 1.5 mile radius |
| 6-8 | 2.0 mile radius |
| 9-12 | 2.5 mile radius |

(cf. 5116.1- Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict attendance)

Students living in the non-transportation radius areas may request access to existing bus routes on a space-available basis as determined by the Director of Transportation. School bus stops will not be positioned within non-transportation radius areas.

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

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Transportation Services

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)

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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 Program or Center (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)
7. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults for educational purposes other than to and from school (Education Code 39801.5)
8. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as community recreation (Education Code 39835)

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. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless children in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

Personal Property Carried by Students

Personal property carried by students boarding the bus may include lunches, clothing, books, small musical instruments in cases, and other usual articles of appropriate size.

The driver shall not permit items on the bus that will create unsafe conditions. The driver shall determine whether class project materials may be carried by a student without interfering with other students in the same or adjacent seats. Breakable objects may not be allowed on the bus unless these items are protected from possible breakage as determined by the driver. Skateboards, weapons, or any other hazardous object will not be transported. Students may be required to leave unsafe items at the bus stop or elect not to ride the bus.

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Bus drivers shall report the names of students who have chosen not to ride the bus to the Transportation Department, if possible. The Transportation Department will notify the school of such an occurrence.

Animals will not be transported, except that muzzled seeing-eye or signal dogs accompanying a blind or deaf child may be transported.

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

41850-41856 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>