

8600 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION (M)

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The Board of Education shall transport eligible students to and from school and school related activities in accordance with [N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.](#), [N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1 et seq.](#), and Board policy. Transportation shall be provided only to eligible public and nonpublic school students, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

Nonpublic school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with [N.J.S.A 18A:39-1 et seq.](#) and [N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.1 et seq.](#)

Charter or renaissance school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with [N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.](#) and [N.J.A.C. 6A:27-3.1 et seq.](#)

The Board may provide transportation to and from school for public school students less than remote.

Students with special needs shall be provided transportation in accordance with [N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.](#), and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to [N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1](#).

The Board will approve all bus routes each school year. Bus routes for all non-remote students who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes will be designated and approved by the Board. The Board may consider, but shall not be limited to, the criteria outlined in [N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.5](#) in determining "Hazardous Routes."

The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of nonresident students to or from school, except that transportation to and from school will be provided for homeless students; students residing in group homes; students residing in resource family homes; and students residing in shared custody homes pursuant to [N.J.A.C. 6A:27-6.2](#), [6.3](#), [6.4](#), and [6.5](#).

When the schools of this district are closed for inclement weather or other conditions, no transportation will be provided for students enrolled in any public, nonpublic, charter school, and/or renaissance school.

The Board shall utilize cooperative/coordinated transportation services in accordance with the provisions of [N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1 et seq.](#) and [N.J.A.C. 6A:27-10.1 et seq.](#) The Board shall utilize one of the agencies prior to determining to pay aid in lieu of transportation if in the prior year payments in lieu of transportation were provided. The Board will provide to the cooperative/coordinated transportation services any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.

Vehicles used to transport students to and from school or school related activities shall meet standards, registration, and inspection requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC), and any applicable Federal regulations. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the New Jersey State Board of Education and the NJDOE.

In addition to the provisions of any State law, rule, or regulation containing more stringent requirements, provided that those requirements are compatible with Federal law, and notwithstanding the provisions of any State law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, school bus operations in the State shall comply with the requirements outlined in [N.J.S.A. 39:3B-27](#).

[N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.](#); [18A:39-1 et seq.](#); [18A:39-11.1 et seq.](#)

[N.J.S.A. 27:15-16](#)

[N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.](#); [39:3B-2.1](#); [39:3B-10](#); [39:3B-27](#)

[N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.](#); [6A:27-2.1 et seq.](#); [6A:27-3.1 et seq.](#); [6A:27-4.1 et seq.](#); [6A:27-5.1](#); [6A:27-6.2 through 6.5](#); [6A:27-7.1 et seq.](#); [6A:27-9.1 et seq.](#); [6A:27-10.1 et seq.](#); [6A:27-11.1 et seq.](#); [6A:27-12.1 et seq.](#)

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8611 SUBSCRIPTION BUSING

The Board of Education may offer subscription bus transportation to and from school for students who do not receive transportation provided and funded by the Board in accordance with Policy No. 8600. Subscription busing will be offered in accordance with [N.J.S.A.18A:39-1.3](#) and [18A:39-1.4](#). Subscription busing may not be available for all students depending on the availability of contracted buses (or district buses), the cost to provide the transportation service, and/or the number of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who are interested in contracting for such service.

In accordance with [N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.3](#), the Board may enter into a contract (and/or use its own bus(es)) to provide this subscription busing to students, requiring the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to pay a reasonable estimation of costs associated with such subscription busing including, but not limited to, the cost of the contract and/or the cost of fuel, driver salaries, and insurance, if district bus(es) are used.

The Board will notify the New Jersey Department of Education when it elects to provide subscription transportation in accordance with [N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.3](#).

[N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.3](#); [18A:39-1.4](#); [18A:39-2](#)

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