

## POLICY 2210

### Transportation Eligibility

- A. Buses in the Box Elder School District will be used only for transporting eligible students for educational purposes. Buses may not be used for transporting adults or pre-school age children except under special permission of the Superintendent or through the state authorized handicapped preschool.
- B. Students in grades Kindergarten through 5, living 1.5 miles or more from their assigned elementary school and students in grades 6 through 12, living 2.0 miles or more from their assigned secondary school shall be entitled to transportation or transportation allowances\*, as determined by the Box Elder Board of Education, subject to the rules and regulations established by the State of Utah and Box Elder Board of Education. ([Utah Admin. Rules R277-600-4](#))
- C. Students in grades Kindergarten through 5 may be required to walk up to 1.5 miles, and students in grades 6 through 12 may be required to walk up to 2.0 miles before reaching a regularly established bus stop. State regulations will be followed in establishing bus stops. To be eligible for transportation, a student must live further than the above distances from their assigned school. The distance from home to school is determined as follows: From the center of the public route (road, thoroughfare, walkway, or highway) open to public use, opposite the regular entrance of the one where the student is living, over the nearest public route (thoroughfare, road, walkway, or highway) open regularly for use by the public, to the center of the public route (thoroughfare, road, walkway, or highway) open to public use, opposite the nearest public entrance to the school grounds which the student is attending. Ineligible students may ride buses on a space-available basis. An eligible student may not be displaced or required to stand in order to make room for an ineligible student. Exceptions may be granted by the Board due to undue hardship or hazardous conditions. ([Utah Code § 53F-2-403](#)) ([Utah Admin. Rules R277-600-4](#))
- D. A Student who's IEP identifies transportation as a necessary related service is eligible for transportation regardless of the distance from the school attended by assignment of the Board. Student with disabilities are transported on regular buses and regular routes whenever possible, unless the IEP team determines otherwise.
- E. The District will fund the transportation program primarily from revenue provided by the state. To this end, the District will comply with all state rules and regulations regarding funding and record keeping.

[Utah Code § 53F-2-402 \(2022\)](#)

[Utah Code § 53F-2-403 \(2024\)](#)

- F. The Board and Pupil Transportation Director will analyze bus routes that involve a large number of deadhead miles to determine if an alternative method of transporting students is more efficient. Possible alternatives include the following, as outlined in Utah State Board of Education rules:
1. Use of a District multi-purpose passenger vehicle to transport students;
  2. Paying eligible students an allowance in lieu of District-supplied transportation, wherein a student is reimbursed for mileage to school or bus stop, whichever is closer;
  3. Providing a subsistence allowance for a student to live at a site nearer to the school; and
  4. Engaging in a contract or leasing for transportation.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-600-7 \(January 9, 2024\)](#)

~~\*As determined by the Box Elder Board of Education~~