DESCRIPTOR TERM:

Support Services

District 370 Policy
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Transportation		1991	4-8-91
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The Board's primary concern in providing transportation services to students is the safety and protection of the health of students.

The District shall provide transportation to and from school for a student who:

1. resides at least one and one-half (1½) miles from the nearest appropriate school (determined by the nearest and best route from the junction of the driveway of the student's home[1] and the nearest public road to the nearest door of the school the student attends or to a ~~bus~~ transportation stop, whichever the case may be); or

2. is a student with a disability, whose IEP identifies transportation as a related service; or

3. in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services, including the age or health or safety of the student.

Riding a school bus is not an undeniable right. It is a privilege which each rider is responsible for retaining by maintaining appropriate behavior while loading, riding, and unloading.

The type of transportation provided by the District may be by a school bus or other vehicle, or by such individual transportation as paying the parent/~~ or~~ guardian for individually transporting the student. The Board of Trustees may pay board and room reimbursements to a parent/guardian when a student resides within a non-transportation area (an area of a school district designated by the Board of Trustees as impractical, by reason of sparsity of students, remoteness or condition of roads) but is otherwise eligible for transportation and cannot be transported in any authorized manner. The Board of Trustees may authorize children attending nonpublic schools to ride a school bus provided that space is available and a fee to cover the per-seat cost for such transportation is collected. Students attending nonpublic schools may be authorized to ride another authorized vehicle if they meet the requirements to ride a school bus.

Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance

[1] A day care center, family day care home, or a group day care facility may substitute for the student's residence for student transportation to and from school

Safety

The District shall provide each new school bus driver with a school bus driver training program before allowing them to drive a bus carrying students. The district shall provide all experienced school bus drivers with at least ten hours of refresher school bus driver training each fiscal year. This training shall meet the requirements described in the Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations. Previous documented training similar to that required by the district may be used to comply with new school bus driver training hours, unless the driver has a gap of more than four years in their previous driving experience.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop written rules establishing the procedures for safety and emergency exit drills on school buses and other vehicles used to transport students, and for student conduct while riding on such buses and other vehicles, including for students with special needs.

The District shall ensure that transportation personnel have access to a library of resources to assist them in operating safe and efficient transportation services. These resources shall include:

1. Applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, and regulations;
2. Applicable manuals and guide4lines;
3. Online access to internet and other resources; and
4. Applicable trade journals and organizations' publications.

The District shall include student transportation operations in district disaster and emergency preparedness plans and shall ensure drivers who transport students are provided with training on disaster and emergency preparedness plans.

Act and state law.

Cross Reference:	4.13	Safety Busing
	4.14	Bus Routes, Stops and Non-Transportation Zones
	3060	Education of Homeless Children
Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-1501	Transportation Authorized
	I.C. § 33-1503	Payments when transportation not furnished
	I.C. § 33-1506	Inspection of School Authorized Vehicles
	I.C. § 33-1509	School Bus Drivers – Definition-Qualification-Duties
	I.C. § 33-1006	Transportation Support Program
	I.C. § 33-1504	Authorized Vehicles
	I.C. § 33-1515	Requirements for Authorized Vehicles for the Transportation of Pupils to and from School and School-Related Events
	IDAPA 08.02.03.109	Special Education
	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110)	