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8600 - **TRANSPORTATION**

It is the policy of the Board to provide transportation for those students, of any age, whose distance from their school makes this service necessary within the limitations established by State law and the regulations of the Department of Public Instruction or other appropriate agency.

1. A.M. 4K – home pick-up and drop-off
2. Grades K-9 - more than one half (1/2) mile
3. Grades 10-12 - more than one (1) mile
4. Hazardous areas. Regardless of distance, students whose home is located in one of the designated hazardous areas, will be transported to and from school.

Students are expected to walk up to ¾ mile to a bus pickup point depending on grade level as shown below:

1. Grades K-5 - one-quarter (1/4) mile
2. Grades 6-9 - one-half (1/2) mile
3. Grades 10-12 - three-quarters (3/4) mile

~~To qualify for transportation, a student must attend, or reside at or beyond the following distance by grade, or otherwise reside in a hazardous area:~~

A. ~~A.M. 4K – home pick-up and drop-off~~

B. ~~Grades K-9 - more than one half (1/2) mile~~

C. ~~Grades 10-12 - more than one (1) mile~~

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School buses and student-transportation vehicles shall be purchased, housed, and maintained by the District or the District shall contract for transportation services in accordance with Policy 8680 - Transportation Services Contracts for the transportation of resident students between their home areas and the schools of the District to which they are assigned. In accordance with State law, the District shall not transport students by alternative transportation methods of vehicles carrying more than nine (9) passengers and the operator. This prohibition does not apply to school buses operated in compliance with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's regulations.

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All school buses and student-transportation vehicles, whether purchased, leased, or contracted for as provided in Policy 8680 - Transportation Service Contracts shall comply with specifications defined in State and Federal law. Each operator of a school vehicle used to transport students of the District shall be licensed for the purpose for which the vehicle is being used and shall operate the vehicles in accordance with Federal and State laws.

Transportation for private school students, eligible for transportation under State law, shall be provided on the same basis as for District students.

~~The Board shall approve the attendance area boundary lines designated by the governing body of all private schools receiving services from the District. The purpose of these boundary lines will be for constituting the attendance areas for transportation purposes. Attendance areas of private schools affiliated with the same religious denomination shall not overlap. No later than May 15 in each year by statute121.54(5) and 121.555 Wis. Stats., each private school shall notify the Board of the names, grade levels and location of all students eligible to have transportation provided by the School Board and are planning to attend such private school during the forthcoming school term. The Board may extend the notification deadline.~~

For the purposes of this policy, the term “student with a disability” refers to a student who qualifies for special education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In addition to transportation provided routinely to all students, some students with disabilities require transportation (often called “specialized transportation”) as a related service as part of their individualized education program (IEP). Students with disabilities are entitled to transportation as a related service only if the IEP team has determined that transportation is necessary for the student to benefit from special education. Outside of IEP team determinations about specialized transportation, State and local officials set most transportation policies and procedures.

Transportation must be viewed as a way to include students with disabilities with their nondisabled peers. In general, transportation for students with disabilities should occur in the same manner as for their peers. This may be especially important for students with disabilities who have limited opportunities during the school day to interact with their nondisabled peers. Safety issues must also be taken into consideration when determining appropriate transportation arrangements.

Transportation of eligible students with exceptional educational needs or attending a technical education program shall be arranged through the use of District-owned vehicles, through cooperation with other districts, through commercial carriers, and/or by other means in the most efficient and economical manner.

Transportation privileges may be revoked if the student's conduct is in violation of the Superintendent ~~District Administrator~~'s administrative guidelines or the Code of Conduct pertaining to student transportation. Such revocation shall be in accord with statutorily required procedures.

Surveillance on School Buses

~~**express regulatory authority for the use of audio surveillance on school buses.]**~~

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to install and operate video and audio surveillance on District buses to enhance student safety and well-being.

Any agreement with a transportation contractor for the provision of transportation services for the District shall have language regarding the use of video and audio surveillance on all school buses, and shall clearly post notice of such surveillance on the interior of the bus. Recordings pursuant to this policy shall remain confidential except for use by school officials or law enforcement for investigations, school discipline, or criminal prosecutions..

The ~~It is strongly recommended that the~~ District shall provide notification to students and parents regarding this policy permitting video and audio on District buses.

The District's process for signing up for transportation services shall include notice of the policies regarding student behavior and conduct expectations . ~~and regarding surveillance technology on the buses, if applicable.~~

The Board shall maintain video surveillance/electronic monitoring recordings for a limited period. Any request to view a recording under this policy should be made promptly after the event/incident in order to assure its availability. Delayed inquiries may not be available depending on current retention capabilities. If action is taken by the Board/Administration, as a result of a formal complaint or incident, recordings, if available, shall be kept consistent with the Board's record retention policy.

District-Owned Vehicles Used for Transporting Students

All drivers of motor vehicles owned by the District and used for transportation of students shall be under written contract with the Board as required by 121.52, Wis. Stats.

All operators of motor vehicles owned by the District and used for transportation of students shall be subject to the provisions of 121.555, Wis. Stats. and may be subject to the District's employee drug testing policy in accordance with Policy 8601 - Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Employees that Transport Students.

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Wis. Admin. Code Trans 300.81
347.446, 120.13(27m), 121.52, 121.53, 121.54 et seq., 121.555(1)(a) Wis. Stats.