

ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOLS
Independent School District No. 623

Policy 724 – School Bus Transportation

Purpose: To provide a framework for safe and efficient transportation of students consistent with the law.

1.0 Public School Students

- 1.1 Bus transportation to and from school will be furnished by the District for K-6 pupils residing one mile or more from school, and grades 7-12 pupils residing two mile(s) or more from school on bus routes established by the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the provisions of MS 123B.88.
- 1.2 A walking area for each school shall be established that allows students to safely walk to school.
- 1.3 Maximum walking distance to bus stops shall be one-half the maximum walking distances to school, as identified in 1.1.
- 1.4 The school through the contracted bus company has control over and responsibility for pupils while they are on school contracted buses.
- 1.5 Limited summer program service will be offered depending on program requirements.
- 1.6 Students attending Roseville Area Schools under the Enrollment Options Program may ride to school from existing bus stops within the school attendance area.

2.0 Nonpublic School Students

District 623 shall provide transportation for school children who are residents of the District to schools within the District and within the parameters described below:

- 2.1 The scheduling of routes, manner and method of transportation, control and discipline of school children and any other matter relating thereto shall be within the sole discretion, control, and management of the School Board and administration of District 623 in accordance with the provisions of MS 123B.88.
- 2.2 Nonpublic school principals shall be responsible for student bus patrol and appropriate measures for pupil control when students from their schools are involved.
- 2.3 Attendance areas for schools with similar departments (i.e., religious or facility) shall not overlap.

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3.0 Transportation to the Boundary

- 3.1 Nonpublic school students attending schools outside of the District and conforming to any of the following criteria below shall receive school bus transportation to the boundary, or alternatively, reimbursement of transportation costs to the boundary, when:
 - 3.1.1 There is no school in District 623 maintaining appropriate grades or department including a department of religion.
 - 3.1.2 There is no space available in schools in District 623 maintaining appropriate grades or departments, as determined by July 1 on the basis of classrooms available.
 - 3.1.3 The transportation of children to the nonpublic schools can be provided more safely, economically, and conveniently than at another nonpublic school within the District.

4.0 Bus Service for students attending Other Educational Programs

- 4.1 District 623 will provide pupil transportation for school children who are enrolled in other appropriate educational programs, either in or outside of the School District, as determined by District 623 administration. (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (e) (3) (C) (i) (III) (cc) and (g) (4) (A))
- 4.2 Determination of transportation services, including special equipment or supervision, will be based upon the needs of the student, through IEP, 504 plan, or diagnosed mental health needs with appropriate authorization of Student Services Staff.

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