

**E-2050 © EEAA  
ELIGIBILITY FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION /  
WALKERS AND RIDERS**

The Board authorizes the administration to provide regular school bus transportation to and from school for the following categories:

- Students with disabilities who require transportation, as indicated in their respective individual education programs including three (3) and four (4) year-old developmentally disabled children.
- Students living within a two (2) mile radius of the school where hazardous or difficult routes exist and where other arrangements cannot be provided.

Students who are residents within a school attendance area and:

- If students in grades kindergarten through six (6), live more than one (1) mile from the school.
- If students in grades seven (7) through nine (9), live more than a mile and a half (1 1/2) from the school.
- If students in grades ten (10) through twelve (12), live more than two (2) miles from the school.
- Transportation for homeless students and foster children to their school of enrollment, if it is the school of origin, will be arranged as needed by the school liaison or contact person for those students.
- When the administration identifies and documents safety or conduct concerns involving a student during arrival or dismissal, the student shall be released at dismissal in accordance with the student's assigned transportation plan. If a parent or guardian requests that the student walk, be picked up by another person, or use an alternate method of transportation on a specific day or on an ongoing basis, the parent or guardian must provide written permission to the school in advance. Unless such written permission is received and approved by the school, the student shall be directed to use the student's assigned transportation, including assigned bus transportation when applicable.

Upon proof of need by the Superintendent and as specified in statute [22-16-4 NMSA](#), up to six (6) students whose residences are five (5) or more miles from their school or schools of enrollment, may be transported to and from school by means of a school-owned sport-utility vehicle (SUV), driven by a school employed certified activity driver, in accord with the safety rules of the Public Education Department. If an SUV is proven necessary, reference procedures in [6.41.4.9 NMAC C3](#) and [6.41.4.14 NMAC A](#) through K for General Requirements before establishment of the route.

## **Transportation Zones**

The following stipulations will define bus transportation zones and other items that may affect students in open enrollment.

Student(s) who select the freedom of choice alternative in school attendance, and commute from one zone to another must provide individual means of transportation. The District assumes no responsibility in freedom of choice transportation endeavors nor will the District provide transportation for the students.

Transfers must be made at the beginning of a semester. If an emergency arises or reasonable justification can be provided, the school principal will review the request. In the event the principal negates the request, the matter may be presented to the Superintendent and ultimately to the Board for a decision. Transfer students will be expected to remain in the school of their choice until the close of the semester in which they are enrolled.

Students may be denied enrollment in a school out of their attendance boundary if the school of their choice is overcrowded.

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LEGAL REF.: [22-12-10 NMSA \(1978\)](#)

[22-16-4 NMSA \(1978\)](#)

6.41.4.9 NMAC

6.41.4.14 NMAC

[42 U.S.C. 11301, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance](#)

[Act of 2001, as amended by the Every Student](#)

[Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) of 2015](#)

CROSS REF.: [JFABD - Admission of Homeless Students](#)