3140 TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

The School District's responsibility is to provide transportation as a service. Riding the school bus for students is a privilege.

Student eligibility for transportation will be based on the distance of the student's residence, child care facility, or Kid Connection site (which the child is attending on a permanent and regularly scheduled basis) from the school to which the pupil is assigned and the grade level of the student.

The School Board has established the following criteria:

Grade Level	Distance from Residence to School
Elementary	0.7 of a mile or more
Middle	1.5 miles or more
High	2.0 miles or more

Students eligible for transportation may be required to walk the same distance to a school bus stop that non-transported students are required to walk to his/her school. Parents will assume responsibility of transporting children to and from their home to the permanent, full-time child care facility and Kid Connection sites. Special transportation will be handled on an individual basis for students with disabilities.

The School District will provide transportation for students when, in the opinion of the Traffic Hazard Safety Committee, conditions between the child's home and school of attendance create a hazard to the walking child, recognizing the child's age as a factor in this consideration. Questions pertaining to eligibility for transportation due to safety concerns should be referred in writing to the Traffic Hazard Safety Committee.

The Traffic Hazard Safety Committee shall consist of the Supervisor of Transportation, the appropriate principal, the School Patrol Safety Officer of the Duluth Police Department, and any others the Superintendent may designate.

The Superintendent shall administer the operation of transportation so as to:

- 1. Provide for safety of students.
- 2. Supplement and reinforce desirable student behavior patterns.
- 3. Assist students with disabilities.
- 4. Enrich the instructional program through carefully planned curricular and co-curricular transportation as recommended by the staff and consistent with the regulations.

The definition for curricular transportation (field trip) is a trip in which students receive transportation both ways between the home school and another location for instructional purposes.

The definition for co-curricular transportation is transportation provided for school-sponsored and directed activities designed to provide opportunities for students to-participate, on an individual or group basis, in school or public events for the improvement of skills. Co-curricular activities are not offered for school credit, cannot be counted toward graduation, and have one or more of the following-characteristics:

- 1. They are conducted at regular and uniform times during school hours or at times established by school authorities.
- 2. Although not offered for credit, they are directed or supervised by instructional staff in a learning environment similar to that found in courses offered for credit.
- 3. They are partially funded by public monies for general instruction purposes under direction and control of the School Board.

References: MSA 123.39 EDU 220-225 EDU 240-243

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