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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.

School buses and student-transportation vehicles shall be purchased, housed, and maintained by the District **(X-)** or the District shall contract for transportation services in accordance with Policy 8680 - Bus 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.

All school buses and student-transportation vehicles, whether purchased, leased, or contracted **(X)** for as provided in Policy 8680 - Bus Services Contracts **[END OF OPTION]** 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.

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 District Administrator's administrative guidelines or the Code of Conduct pertaining to student transportation. Such revocation shall be in accord with statutorily-required procedures.

X] Surveillance on School Buses

(X-) Any agreement with a transportation contractor for the provision of transportation services for the District shall have language regarding the use of video **(X)** and audio surveillance on all school buses.

It is strongly recommended that the District provide notification to parents regarding video on District buses.

[X] 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.

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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