TRANSPORTATION Policy

The Transportation Policy of the Lafayette School Corporation authorizes transportation of resident students to and from designated authorized schools of attendance pursuant to Indiana law. In accordance with the above code, any resident school student shall be transported to and from the school which he/she attends at the beginning and the end of each school day if that school is beyond the distance specified in sub-paragraphs A, B, C, and D below. Transportation will be provided in a safe, expedient, and economical manner using public school collection points, routes, and schedules according to the following:

- A. Students enrolled in kindergarten for a full day and students in grades 1 K through 12 who live one and one-half (1 ½) miles or more from their school are eligible for transportation to and from school. Students who are enrolled in half (1/2) day kindergarten and are eligible for transportation are eligible to be transported one way. Students attending kindergarten in the morning are eligible to be transported to school. Students attending kindergarten in the afternoon are eligible to be transported from school to home in the afternoon.
- B. Students who live less than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from school may be transported if they are subjected to extreme safety hazards when walking to school. Such hazards include railroad crossings, state highways, lack of sidewalks, and major traffic intersections where there are no traffic guards.
- C. Collection points may be established along routes within reasonable walking distances from the residences of students.
- D. Transportation shall be provided, as required by law, for students with IEPs as specified in the related services section of their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). handicapped children and those attending special classes as recommended by the Director of Special Education.
- E. Parents of students given permission to attend a school not in their home attendance area must provide their children's transportation to the new school. The parent or guardian may request in writing that the student be permitted to ride a bus (provided there is available seating capacity) from an established pick-up/drop off on an existing route to the new school. Permission to be transported must be requested on an annual basis. Parents or guardians of students who have been granted permission to attend an LSC school outside of their designated attendance area are responsible for providing transportation to and from the assigned school. Students who have received permission to attend an LSC school outside of their designated attendance area, to opt out of a district-mandated pilot program at their home school, may be eligible for transportation services
- F. The Board authorizes the installation and use of video recording devices in the school buses to assist the bus driver in supervising, directing, and controlling the students while on the bus.
- G. The determination of distance from school to the student's home shall be made by the latest software version of a professional school transportation planning code the transportation routing program and reported to the nearest one hundredth of a mile. This number, and its associated method of calculation, rounding off, and errors, shall be used exclusively for the determination of the distance between the school and the student's home. The choice of eode transportation routing program shall be up to the

superintendent or his/her designee, but the Board expects the administration to employ its discretion to obtain the most reasonably accurate and cost-effective software available for the specified use at a fair value for the Lafayette School Corporation.

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