

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #877 POLICY

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose

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POLICY TITLE Transportation Purpose & Philosophy **CODE NO.** 709.1

POLICY: As required by conditions effecting the safety and well being of all students, it shall be the policy of Independent School District 877, Buffalo, Minnesota, to transport all eligible students residing within the District to and from school on an equitable basis.

ELIGIBILITY: Pupils eligible for bus transportation to be furnished by the School District include the following:

1. By state law all pupils who live outside of two (2) miles from public schools as measured by the shortest route to school. Students may be transported regardless of mileage if hazardous conditions exist.
2. Students who are eligible for transportation because of the location of their residence may be transported from and/or to a day care provider. An Alternate Destination Form must be completed for permanent change. Transportation will be provided 5 working days after the receipt of an alternate destination form at the beginning of school. Parents are responsible for transportation during those five days. Two weeks after school begins this time period will be decreased to two days.
3. Parents of pupils not eligible for bus transportation may purchase transportation if additional seats are available, if it is agreed to by the contractor, and service is the same to the district. These purchases will be between contractor and other party.
4. If a student does not show up at a bus stop for 10 consecutive days the stop will be eliminated until a parent informs the bus company of their intent to reinstate the bus stop. Forty-eight hours notice will be needed to reinstate the stop.

The Board offers this transportation in accordance with M.S. 123.39, s1 and s2. This law empowers school districts to enter into a contract to provide transportation for eligible children of the school district to and from school and school activities.

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5. The District 877 transportation system will try to accommodate students being dropped off at alternate destinations (i.e., daycare) on a regular consistent basis. The District reserves the right to deny bus riding privileges for alternate destinations because of overloaded bus conditions, unreasonable scheduling requests or any other factor which may, at the district or transportation company's determination, adversely effect the safety and/or efficiency of the transportation system.

Requests for multiple location pick-ups and/or deliveries (i.e., 2 days here, 2 days there) are discouraged. The District reserves the right to deny these requests if they are multiple or inconsistent resulting in confusion, safety threat, longer bus ride, etc., to students, drivers, the District and/or transportation company.

6. Students will not be allowed to change routes for parties, meetings, or any other short-term event. Last minute changes to a regular schedule of drop off and pick up will not be allowed. A forty-eight hour notice is required for changing to another regular bus stop. A parental permission slip must be turned in to the Principal's office 48 hours before the change. The school district will attempt to verify if possible. Last minute changes can only be made for extreme emergencies.
7. All students carrying additional items onto the bus must be able to accommodate these carryon items on their lap or the item must be in complete control of the student and adequate space be available on the bus. There are no seat accommodations for large objects. Parents are reminded to eliminate any dangling or hanging item on student clothing.
8. Due to the lack of shuttle bus service to Hanover and Montrose Elementary Schools, parents residing in the Hanover or Montrose elementary school attendance areas who have day care located within the boundary area of another district elementary school, shall be allowed to enroll their child(ren) in an elementary school designated by the district. This exemption to adopted school board guidelines of school attendance according to home residence shall remain in effect until in-district open enrollment guidelines are approved by the school board.

Legal references:

Minn. Stat 123.39, s1 & s 2