

1 **Browning Public Schools**

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3 **Policy # 8100**

4 **Policy Name:** *Transportation*

5 **Regulation** -----

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7 **The District may provide transportation to and from school for a student who:**

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- 9 1. resides three (3) or more miles, over the shortest practical route, from the nearest operating public
- 10 elementary or public high school.
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- 12 2. is a student with a disability, whose IEP identifies transportation as a related service; or
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- 14 3. has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services.
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16 The District may elect to reimburse the parent or guardian of a student for individually transporting any
17 eligible student.

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19 The District may provide transportation by school bus or other vehicle or through individual transportation
20 such as paying the parent or guardian for individually transporting the student. The Board may pay board
21 and room reimbursements, provide supervised correspondence study, or provide supervised home study.
22 Transportation issues that cannot be resolved by the trustees may be appealed to the county transportation
23 committee.

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25 Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and State
26 law.

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28 **In-Town Busing**

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30 In-town busing is defined as the busing of students within three (3) miles of their school. In-town busing is a
31 privilege the District can discontinue at any time.

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33 **Children in Foster Care**

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35 **The building administrator will appoint a Point of Contact (POC) to coordinate activities relating to**
36 **the District’s provisions of services to children placed in foster care, including transportation services.**
37 **The Superintendent, or designee, will inform the Department of Health and Human Services who is**
38 **the POC for the District. The District will collaborate with the Department of Health and Human**
39 **Services when transportation is required to maintain children placed in foster care in a school of**
40 **origin outside their usual attendance area or District when in the best interest of the student. Under**
41 **the supervision of the Superintendent/designee, the POC will invite appropriate District officials, the**
42 **Department of Health and Human Services POC, and officials from other districts to consider how**
43 **such transportation is to be arranged and funded in a cost-effective manner.**

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45 **If there are additional costs to be incurred in providing transportation to maintain a student in the**
46 **school of origin, the District will provide transportation to such school if:**

- 47 • **The Department agrees to reimburse the District for the cost of such transportation;**
- 48 • **The District agrees to pay for the cost of such transportation; or**
- 49 • **The District and the Department agree to share the cost of such transportation.**

1 **Definitions**

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3 **“Foster Care” means 24-hour care for children placed away from their parents, guardians, or person**
4 **exercising custodial control or supervision and for whom the Department has placement care and**
5 **responsibility.**

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7 **“School of origin” means the school in which a child is enrolled at the time of placement in foster care.**

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9 **While “Best Interest” is not defined in ESSA, that determination shall take into account all relevant**
10 **factors, including consideration of the appropriateness of the current educational setting, and the**
11 **proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of foster care placement.**

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14 Cross Reference: McKinney Homeless Assistance Act

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16 Legal Reference: § 20-7-441 MCA Special Education Child Eligibility for Transportation
17 § 20-10-101 MCA Definitions
18 § 20-10-121 MCA Duty of Trustees to Provide Transportation – Types of Transportation
19 – Bus Riding Time Limitation
20 § 20-10-122 MCA Discretionary Provision of Transportation and Payment for this
21 Transportation
22 § 20-10-123 MCA Provision of Transportation for Nonpublic School Children
23 10.7.101, et seq., ARM Introduction
24 10.64.201,301, 301, 342 ARM Transportation
25 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110)

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27 Policy History:

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