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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.

The District shall contract for transportation services in accordance with Policy 8680 - Transportation 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.

**[ ] Nonroutine Use of School Buses**

The Board may permit the school buses owned or leased by this District to be used for purposes other than regularly scheduled routes to and from school in accordance with legal requirements, provided such trips do not interfere with routine school transportation services.

Vehicles must be operated when possible by an employee of this District, or otherwise by a qualified individual approved by the District Administrator. The cost of transportation shall be reimbursed to the Board ( **-** ) based on the actual cost to the District of the school bus usage ( **-** ) in accordance with a formula established in the District's administrative guidelines ~~[END OF OPTIONS]~~.

~~[ ] The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines which should include provision for insurance coverage and the requirement that for each school bus trip involving school age passengers chaperones will be used to assist the staff member(s) in maintaining passenger control and in enforcing procedures for the safety of all passengers.~~

**[ ] Surveillance on School Buses**

~~[DRAFTING NOTE: Whether posted notice of audio surveillance in a school facility is sufficient to establish~~

**consent is not a clearly settled legal concept in Wisconsin. However, there is express regulatory authority for the use of audio surveillance on school buses.]**

~~[ ] The Board authorizes the District Administrator Superintendent to install and operate video ( ) and audio [END OF OPTION] surveillance on District buses to enhance student safety and well-being.~~

~~( ) Any agreement with a transportation contractor for the provision of transportation services for the District shall have language regarding the use of video ( ) and audio [END OF OPTION] surveillance on all school buses [END OF OPTION]~~

~~It is strongly recommended that the District provide notification to parents regarding video ( ) and audio [END OF OPTION] on District buses.~~

~~[ ] 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. [END OF OPTION]~~

### **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.

To qualify for transportation, a student must attend, or reside at or beyond the following distance by grade, or otherwise reside in a hazardous area:

- A. A.M. 4K – home pick-up and drop-off
- B. Grades K-9 - more than one half (1/2) mile
- C. Grades 10-12 - more than one (1) mile
- D. Hazardous areas. Regardless of distance, students whose home is located in one of the designated hazardous areas, will be transported to and from school.

Students are expected to walk up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to a bus pickup point depending on grade level as shown below:

- A. Grades K-5 - one-quarter (1/4) mile
- B. Grades 6-9 - one-half (1/2) mile
- C. Grades 10-12 - three-quarters (3/4) mile

~~School buses and student transportation vehicles shall be purchased, housed, and maintained by the District or the District shall contract for transportation services in accordance with Policy 8680 – Bus Service 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 for as provided in Policy 8680 – Bus Service Contracts 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.~~

~~The Board shall approve the attendance area boundary lines designated by the governing body of all private schools receiving services from the District. The purpose of these boundary lines will be for constituting the attendance areas for transportation purposes. Attendance areas of private schools affiliated with the same religious denomination shall not overlap. No later than May 15 in each year by statute, each private school shall notify the Board of the names, grade levels and location of all students eligible to have transportation provided by the School Board and are planning to attend such private school during the forthcoming school term. The Board may extend the notification deadline.~~

~~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 Code of Conduct pertaining to student transportation. Such revocation shall be in accord with statutorily required procedures.~~

~~The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to install and operate video and audio surveillance on District buses to enhance student safety and well being.~~

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

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

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120.13(27m), 121.52, 121.53, 121.54 et seq., 121.555(1)(a) Wis. Stats.

Cross References ag8600 School Bus Rider Rules

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