

CHAPTER 9.00 - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

9.08 - Transported Pupils and Eligible Riders

POLICY:

- (1) Eligibility
 - (a) Any pupil who resides two (2) or more miles from his/her designated school by the most direct traveled route is eligible to ride the school bus to and from that school.
 - (b) No pupil residing within two (2) miles of the school which he/she attends will be transported to school by school bus except upon special authorization of the Superintendent.
 - (c) No state funds are received for the transportation of a pupil whose home is within two (2) miles from the nearest appropriate school as determined by the Board; therefore, no such pupil shall be reported as transported.
 - (d) A pupil eligible for transportation who is beyond the accessibility of a school bus may be provided transportation payment to the parent or guardian for private automobile or other conveyance for this purpose. The minutes of the Board shall show the amount of the transportation assistance, the name of the pupil served, the school attended, and the mileage of the route.
 - (e) Transportation service shall not be provided for a child living in another school district unless an agreement has been entered into by the School Board of Levy County and the School Board of the district in which the child lives and the said agreement is spread on the official Board minutes of the respective School Boards.
 - (f) Only a pupil who is regularly enrolled and approved for transportation and whose name appears on the bus driver's record of pupils is permitted to ride such bus while it is being operated on a regular school bus route except upon the written request of the parent or guardian of a pupil and with the written approval of the principal. Approval shall not be allowed for a pupil to obtain transportation to his/her regular place of employment.
 - (g) No pupil shall be eligible for transportation on a field trip or an extracurricular school trip unless he/she is duly enrolled in a school of the district and approved to make the trip as provided in these regulations.
 - (h) The following additional persons shall be eligible for bus transportation:

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1. A substitute driver for training purposes and when serving as a replacement for the regular driver;
2. Instructional and administrative employees while supervising school-sponsored activities or school-connected activities;
3. Chaperons authorized by the principal and listed on the transportation request; and
4. Employees of the Board engaged in school-approved programs.

(2) Safety and Health of Pupils

Maximum regard for the safety of pupils and due consideration for the protection of the health of all children transported shall be primary requirements in the routing of buses, establishing pupil stops, appointing drivers, and in providing and operating transportation equipment.

- (3) The Superintendent is directed to ensure that School Board liability is protected when transporting persons, other students and students to events or activities in which the School Board or school has agreed to participate or co-sponsor.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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