

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Board, in accordance with state law, may provide free transportation for eligible students attending the district's schools. The superintendent shall ensure that the transportation services of the district meet all of the requirements established by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as well as the policies that pertain directly to the qualifications of transportation operators and operational procedures adopted by the Board of Education.

Resident students living over one mile from a school building will be entitled to free transportation to and from school. Transportation for students residing less than one mile is available without payment only in areas that the Board has determined to be unreasonably hazardous.

Patron paid transportation is available for a limited number of students who reside less than one mile from a school building. This is only available when empty seats are consistently available on a particular bus, no re-routing is required and patron paid transportation can be provided on that route.

Fee per student will be determined based on the average per student cost of transporting students in the district. All fees for patron paid transportation are payable by semester or by year. All fees must be paid in advance to receive transportation service. No fees are prorated. No fees are refundable regardless of the reason.

The availability of patron paid transportation is not guaranteed.

Transportation for a student with a disability will be provided if the IEP team determines that such transportation is necessary as a related service due to the student's disability. Transportation for special education students or students classified as homeless will be provided in accordance with law.

The superintendent shall ensure that the transportation services of the district meet all state and federal laws as well as other requirements of the Board of Education. Students may be transported in leased vehicles, common carriers or other contracted transportation as allowed by law and permitted by the Board. All district employees or other persons who drive district-owned or district-leased transportation or who transport students must meet applicable state and federal laws as well as district policies and procedures.

The superintendent will present to the Board a plan for student transportation services for the district no later than the end of October of each year for initial approval and no later than the end of June for the final approval of modifications made during the school year. The plan should follow the procedures set by the State Board of Education.

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Transportation Records and Reports

The superintendent or his or her designee shall provide for the proper accounting of student transportation records and reports in the school district and shall be responsible for preparing and submitting to the State Board of Education the necessary reports for apportioning state transportation aid, for statistical purposes and for the proper maintenance and administration of the district's transportation services.

District Transportation Safety

School officials must provide safe transportation of district students to and from school. Drivers, students and district personnel will follow all laws and district policies and procedures.

District vehicles carrying students will be considered extensions of the school environment. Any student whose conduct on district transportation is improper or jeopardizes the safety of other students may be suspended from district transportation services and may be disciplined in accordance with district policy. Uniform rules of conduct and disciplinary measures will be enforced. Students with disabilities will be disciplined according to law.

Access to all district transportation is limited to authorized riders and staff. All district staff and drivers shall report any instance of trespass to appropriate administrators and law enforcement agencies.

Special Use of District Transportation

District vehicles will be used solely for district-sponsored activities, including district extracurricular activities and organizations.

NOTE: For further information, see the *School Transportation Administrator's Handbook*.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Cross Refs: GBEA, Workers' Compensation
GBEBB, Employee Alcohol and Drug Testing
IGBCA, Programs for Homeless Students
JFCC, Student Conduct on School Transportation

Legal Refs: §§ 162.670 - .995, 163.161, 167.231 - .251, 178.510, 301.010, 302.272, 304.050,
.060, 569.155, RSMo.
5 CSR 30-261.010
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 - 1417
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42
U.S.C. §§ 11431 - 11435
McVey v. Hawkins, 258 S.W. 2d 927 (Mo banc 1953)
Luetkemeyer v. Kaufman, 364 F. Supp. 376 (W.D. Mo 1973)

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