

POLICY

2014

Support Services

TRANSPORTATION, SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe, efficient and economical transportation system for eligible students who reside in the District.

The District Transportation Coordinator (under the direction of the Business Official) with the transportation contractor shall establish bus routes for eligible students. Students in grades 1-5 who reside more than .25 miles of the school of attendance and up to 15 miles and students in grades 6-12 who reside more than one (1) mile of the school of attendance and up to 15 miles will receive transportation.

Transportation of Homeless Students

If a local social service district or the Office of Children and Family Services is not required to provide transportation, the designated district is responsible for providing transportation and the school district of origin is responsible for the cost of such transportation.

When the school district of the current location is designated as the school district the homeless child will attend, that school district must provide transportation to the homeless child on the same basis as it is provided to resident students. If the homeless child attends the school district of origin or a school district participating in a regional placement plan, then that school district must provide transportation to and from the homeless child's temporary housing and school. A homeless child is entitled to transportation up to 50 miles, unless the Commissioner of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the child to transport him/her in excess of 50 miles.

Homeless children are entitled to transportation even if a school district does not provide transportation to non-homeless students and during any disputes regarding school selection and enrollment.

Authorized bus stops shall be located in places where students may embark and disembark the buses, cross highways, and await the arrival of buses in the utmost safety allowed by road conditions.

Cross-ref: 5320, Student Conduct on School Buses
5140, The Education of Homeless Children

Ref: NYS Education Law Sections 3209(1)(a) and 3635
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (42 USC §11434a[2])

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