

## HEBER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Board Policy No. 3007

### STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

**A.** The Governing Board currently provides home-to-school transportation for pupils enrolled in the District at no cost to parents/guardians. However, the Board may take official action at any time upon the recommendation of the Superintendent for the reasons set forth in this policy to require the parents/guardians of all or some of the pupils transported to pay a portion of the cost of this transportation as set forth below. (Education Code section 39800). The Board will not require any student to be transported for any reason without the written permission of the parent or guardian, except in cases of injury or illness of the pupil. (Education Code section 35350).

**B. Transportation Routes and Services**

Consistent with this policy, Board Policy 3002 (Bus Transportation), and based upon pupil, parent/guardian and community needs and the financial resources of the District, the Superintendent shall recommend to the Governing Board the extent to which home-to-school transportation will be provided whenever it appears that a change in the services is necessary. The Superintendent also will recommend the most economical and efficient means of providing the transportation.

**C.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and official action by the Governing Board, pupils will be eligible for transportation services to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school of attendance is greater than the minimum distances listed below:

a. For elementary school pupils:

Grades K-8: 1 mile

If the distance between the school-established bus stop and the school of attendance is less than the minimum listed above, then the District shall consider the pupil within walking distance of the school, and transportation will not be provided. The Superintendent or designee also may authorize transportation within walking distance in rare and unusual circumstances.

**D.** The Governing Board may require the parents/guardians of all or some of the pupils transported to pay a portion of the cost of this transportation in an amount determined by the Governing Board, but not to exceed the statewide average nonsubsidized cost of providing this transportation to pupils. (Education Code 39807.5).

**E. Exempt Pupils.**

The Governing Board will exempt from transportation charges and provide home-to-school transportation and additional services if required by law to:

1. All pupils with disabilities as specified in their individualized education programs. (Education Code Sections 56040 and 41850).
2. Pupils of parents/guardians who are indigent as set forth by State law.
3. Pupils with disabilities as defined in Education Code section 56026.
4. Homeless children in accordance with law, Board policy and State and Federal law. (42 USC 11432 McKinney-Vento Homeless Act).

**F.** The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules and stops and/or shall arrange for local media to publish such information.

**G. Transportation for School Related Trips**

1. In accordance with Board Policy 6019, with the Governing Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the District for:
  - a. Field trips and excursions in connection with courses of instruction or school related social, educational, cultural, athletic, or school band activities. No pupil shall be prevented from making the field trip or excursion because of lack of sufficient funds. (Education Code 35330).
  - b. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined by the Governing Board to be for the benefit of pupils. (Education Code 39860).
  - c. District employees and/or parents/guardians traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the District. (Education Code 39837.5).
  - d. Pupils traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth. The Governing Board shall require a payment of a reasonable charge for transportation so furnished. (Education Code 39837).
  - e. Non-school purposes as allowed by law, such as:
    - (1) Community recreation. (Education Code 39835).
    - (2) Public transportation. (Education Code 39841).

(3) Transportation for government employees to and from their places of employment. (Education Code 39840).

2. All persons making the field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the District for injury, accident, illness or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. (Education Code 35330(d)).

Legal Reference:

Education Code sections

35330 Excursions and field trips  
35350 Parental authority for transportation  
39800-39809.5 Transportation, general provisions  
39830-39842 School buses, see especially:  
39860 Transportation to school activities  
41850 Special education transportation  
41850-41855 Allowances for transportation  
41860-41863 Supplementary allowances for transportation

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11432 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34 300.34 Definition of related services for special education pupils to include transportation

Board Policy 6019 (Field Trips and Excursions) Board

Policy 3002 (Bus Transportation)

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