

**Regulation**

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TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES

All student transportation shall be provided in accordance with law, negotiated agreements and with consideration of the following guidelines.

Insurance

The chief school administrator shall, in consultation with the school business administrator and the lead agency providing the transportation, determine the amount of insurance needed for drivers and vehicles for which the board has responsibility. Additional coverage shall be maintained to provide insurance for instances where students may be transported in private vehicles by authorized school personnel.

Routes

Routes shall be determined with economy in mind but with consideration for the time each student must spend on the bus or van.

Stops shall be specified to provide the shortest walk to the bus stop, except that stops shall be at least 3/10<sup>th</sup>s of a mile apart where possible.

Assignment of disabled students to buses and routes shall be done with consideration of the individual student's needs and their individualized educational program (IEP).

Routes for transporting eligible nonpublic school students shall be established by the district business office, provided the cost does not exceed the state established maximum cost/pupil for nonpublic student transportation. When route costs exceed the allowable amount, parents/guardians of eligible nonpublic students shall receive the payment in lieu of transportation established annually by the New Jersey Department of Education, and shall be responsible for transporting their children to and from school. All applications for nonpublic transportation or payments must be made in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.

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