

TRANSPORTATION RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

Student transportation shall be provided to those day school students who live beyond the area subscribed by the superintendent as the distance for walking to their schools. The purpose of providing transportation for such students is to assure, as nearly as possible, an equal and a maximum opportunity to all of the children of the district to obtain their education.

BPS may provide transportation to any student enrolled in school upon approval of the superintendent or designee.

Transportation for students of grades K through 12 shall be under the general direction of the assistant superintendent of support services, and under the direction and immediate control of the director of transportation.

The director of transportation shall establish bus routes and stops with regard to safety and serving the greatest number of students. Stops may be changed as conditions warrant. In cases of necessity, students may have to walk a distance to board their bus. The director shall see that a school bus will not arrive at a stop ahead of schedule and may require that students should be at the bus stop at least five minutes ahead of the scheduled arrival of the bus.

Principals of schools have complete authority over their students from the time they board the bus on the way to school to the time they leave the bus upon returning home, and to this degree, bus drivers and the director of transportation will report to them on matters which are related to servicing, scheduling, or conduct of such students. The school district may discipline a student for misbehavior that occurs after the student leaves the bus.

Bus drivers have immediate authority for students at all times while being transported to and from school and on trips.

The responsibility of students as passengers shall be that they maintain the same standards of conduct while in a school bus that prevail in the classroom. Students may be denied the privilege of bus transportation for breach of this policy.

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Policy 2122 School Bus Safety Program

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