

REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION

If a bus is not provided for student transportation for families of children in grades K-8, Newell School District will reimburse each family for mileage. The amount of transportation allowance is the rate established pursuant to SDCL 3-9-1 per family for distances in excess of five miles to and from school or pick up point.

No mileage may be paid for extra trips to the school or for more miles than would be traveled if the shortest distance measured from the place on a publicly used road nearest the dwelling house of the child to the school site were traveled.

If children from more than one family are transported in the same vehicle, mileage payments shall be paid to only one family.

The school board may authorize additional miles if prior approval is obtained to facilitate cooperative efforts among families to share transportation duties. If children from more than one family are transported in a single vehicle, reimbursement shall be at rates established by the school board, which will not be less than the rate established pursuant to SDCL 3-9-1.

Reimbursements are paid per family, not per child. Families that have students in grades K-8 are eligible for reimbursements if busing is not provided, or if a pick-up point is further than 5 miles from the residence. Families that only have students in grades 9-12, or who are within 5 miles from the school or pick up point will not be eligible for reimbursement.

The Superintendent will send out claim forms to all members of the school district by April 1st each year. All claim forms must be returned to the business office by May 31st of each year. The Board reserves the right to have the Superintendent check and adjust mileage on any of the claims forms that he or she deems necessary. Proof and reasoning for any change will be given to parents along with reimbursement checks. After approval from the Superintendent, the business office will send checks for reimbursement out to families by June 30th.

Legal Reference: SDCL 3-9-1; 13-30-3

Cross References:

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