

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Student transportation is an integral part of the total school program in the Dodgeland School District. The District shall provide safe, efficient, and economical transportation for all eligible students including the following;

1. Resident students enrolled in the District living outside the city limits of Juneau.
2. Resident students who attend private schools in accordance with state law.
3. Students who reside in areas that present unusual hazards when walking to and from school.
4. Students with disabilities as required by their Individualized Educational Program (IEP) and consistent with law.
5. Non-resident open enrolled students in accordance with Board policy.
6. Other students as required or authorized by state and federal laws and regulations.

The success of the student transportation program depends to a great degree on cooperation and understanding among all involved parties including school personnel, students, parents/guardians, bus drivers and private contractors. Student transportation rules shall be developed by the administration to:

- Encourage communication among involved parties.
- Define responsibilities of involved parties.
- Protect the health and safety of students and bus drivers.
- Promote economical and efficient operations.

Providing safe transportation is a primary concern. Bus drivers shall be responsible for the supervision of students while being transported to and from school. Students are responsible for proper behavior while on the bus that is consistent with established codes of conduct and bus rider rules. Conduct violations may result in suspension or termination of bus riding privileges and/or other disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy and established procedures.

The District may provide transportation by means other than the school district's bus system. Alternative methods of providing transportation shall require authorization by the District Administrator and shall be used in accordance with established procedures and state law.

The District will provide transportation to and from all school-sponsored extracurricular activities when practical. Transportation for certain special field trips of an educational nature may be authorized annually by the District Administrator. Transportation for other trips sponsored by a class or student group may be provided upon payment of the contract fee. Supervision of students while being transported for extracurricular activities, student group trips and field trips shall be provided by a staff member advisor or other adult chaperon.

The District Administrator or designee shall be responsible for the management of student transportation services in accordance with Board policies, and with state laws and regulations. Parents/guardian complaints or questions about transportation shall initially be referred to and addressed by the building principal and may be referred to the District Administrator as necessary for resolution. Under exceptional circumstances the Board may be involved.

Parents/guardians and students shall be notified annually, at the beginning of the school year, about student transportation policies and procedures including information about bus rider rules and bus route schedules.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.787(2)(c) Wisconsin Statutes
 118.51(14)
 120.13(27m)
 121.51 - 121.56
 TRANS 300 Wisconsin Administrative Code
 PI 7
 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

CROSS REF.: 751 - Rule, Student Transportation Procedures
 351, Summer School
 370, Extracurricular Activities
 423.1, Full-Time Open Enrollment
 443, Student Conduct
 443.2, Student Conduct on School Buses
 751.2, School Bus Safety Program
 751.4, Bus Transportation Contractors
 753, School-Owned Vehicles
 Special Education Handbook

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