

STUDENT SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY

Students living more than the following distances from their designated school attendance center shall receive transportation to and from their attendance center at the expense of the school district:

- Elementary students (Pre-K-5) living more than two miles.
- Middle school students (6-8) living more than two miles.
- High school students (9-12) living more than three miles.

Exceptions to Distance Requirements:

The Board of Education shall determine if serious safety hazards exist for students walking to and from school. Criteria will be used to evaluate the safety of walking routes. These areas will be re-evaluated periodically for changes in conditions.

Criteria that will be used:

1. Traffic volume on streets and at intersections
2. Traffic controls
3. Pedestrian street crossings
4. Sidewalks – inadequate or nonexistent
5. Areas of poor visibility
6. Road – make-up, design or condition
7. Other potential hazards

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. §§ 1401, 1701 *et seq.* (2012).
34 C.F.R. Pt. 300 *et seq.* (2012).
Iowa Code §§ 256B.4; 285; 321 (2013).
281 I.A.C. 41.98; 43.

Cross Reference: 501.17 Homeless Children and Youth
507.8 Student Special Health Services
603.3 Special Education
711 Transportation

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Special Education Transportation:

Transportation of students who require special education services shall generally be provided as for other students, when appropriate. Specialized transportation of a student to and from a special education instructional service is a function of that service and, therefore, an appropriate expenditure of special education instructional funds generated through the weighting plan.

Transportation of a student to and from a special education support service and shall be specified in the individualized education program (IEP) or the individualized family service plan (IFSP). When the IEP team determines that unique transportation arrangements are required and the arrangements are specified in the IEP or IFSP, the school district will provide one or more of the following transportation:

- Transportation from the student's residence to the location of the special education and back to the student's residence, or child care placement for students below the age of six.
- Special assistance or adaptations in getting the student to and from and on and off the vehicle, en route to and from the special education.
- Reimbursement of the actual costs of transportation when by mutual agreement the parents provide transportation for the student to and from the special education.

The school district is not required to provide reimbursement to parents who elect to provide transportation in lieu of agency-provided transportation.

A student may be required, at the board's discretion, to meet a school vehicle without reimbursement up to three-fourths of a mile. The board may require the parent to transport their children up to two miles to connect with school bus vehicles at the expense of the school district when conditions deem it advisable. It shall be within the discretion of the board to determine such conditions. Parents of students who live where transportation by bus is impracticable or unavailable may be required to furnish transportation to and from the designated attendance center at the expense of the school district. Parents, who transport their children at the expense of the school district, shall be reimbursed at the rate per mile set by the state.

Transportation arrangements made by agreement with a neighboring school district shall follow the terms of the agreement. Students, who choose to attend a school in a school district other than their resident school district, shall provide transportation to and from the school at their own expense.