

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS****Requests for Transportation to and from Nonpublic Schools**

The parent or person in parental relation of a parochial or private school child residing in the District who desires his or her child to be transported to a parochial, private, or charter school outside of the District during the next school year, must submit a written request to the Board no later than April 1 of the preceding year, or within 30 days of moving into the District. The District will publish the April 1 date in its school calendar and/or local newspaper as a reminder to parents of this deadline. Late requests will not be denied where a reasonable explanation is provided for the delay.

**Transportation to Nonpublic Schools on Holidays and When Public School is Not in Session**

The District will share its calendar and start and dismissal times with nonpublic schools before the start of the school year. The District is not required to provide transportation to nonpublic schools on days on which the District's schools are not in session. However, nonpublic school students will be transported on days when teachers are in attendance for staff development days. Students with disabilities assigned by the Committee on Special Education will be transported if their programs require their attendance.

**Transportation for Nonpublic School Students with Disabilities who are Parentally Placed**

For students with disabilities, ages 5 through 21, who are parentally placed in nonpublic schools outside their district of residency, if special education services are to be provided to a student at a site other than the nonpublic school, the District of location is responsible for providing the special education services, including, as applicable, arranging and providing transportation necessary for the student to receive special education services.

The District of residence remains responsible to provide transportation to parentally placed nonpublic school students from the student's home to the nonpublic school.

**Transportation of Students with Disabilities**

Transportation of students with disabilities in the District may not exceed 50 miles one way from the student's home to the appropriate special service or program, unless the Commissioner certifies that no appropriate nonresidential special service or program is available within 50 miles. In that event, the Commissioner may then establish transportation arrangements.

**Fire Extinguishers**

School buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1990 fueled with other than diesel fuel and used to transport three or more students who use wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices or with a total capacity of more than eight passengers and used to transport these students will be equipped with an engine fire suppression system.

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**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS (Cont'd.)**

School buses manufactured on or after September 1, 2007 fueled with diesel fuel and used to transport three or more students who use wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices or with a total capacity of more than eight passengers and used to transport these students will be equipped with an engine fire suppression system.

School buses will also be equipped with at least one hand fire extinguisher in the event of an emergency.

**Transportation of Non-Resident Students**

Non-resident families must provide their own transportation.

**Transportation to School Sponsored Events**

If the District provides transportation for student athletes participating in inter-scholastic competition, and students attending District sponsored educational field trips, students will not be authorized to use any other means of transportation when participating in these events, unless the Principal or his/her designee authorizes such alternate transportation. The Principal shall require written application prior to approval. As an exception to this policy, a coach may release a student to the parent or legal guardian for transportation from an inter-scholastic event upon receipt of a written request from the parent or legal guardian.

**Transportation in Personal Vehicles**

Personal cars of teachers and staff will not be used to transport students.

**Weapons Policy**

The District prohibits all persons from possessing and/or bringing on school buses and all other school vehicles, \*firearm, knives, \*ammunition, any form of explosive device (including such things as firecrackers and “cherry bombs”), or any other weapon or item which may be used as a weapon (for example, a section of pipe and razor-type box opener).

\*Except for approved transportation of the Rifle Team.

Education Law §§ 1604, 1709, 1804, 1903, 1950, 2503, 2554, 2590-e, 3242, 3602-c, 3621(15), 3623-a(2c),  
3635, 4401-a, 4401(4), 4402, 4404, 4405, and 4410-6  
Vehicle and Traffic Law § 375(20)(1) and 375(21-i)

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7131 -- Education of Homeless Children and Youth

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