OLD TAPPAN BOARD OF EDUCATION Old Tappan, NJ 07675

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Policy

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to supervise development of bus routes to provide safe, economical and reasonably expeditious transportation for:

- A. Students who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;
- B. Educationally disabled students in accordance with their IEP;
- C. Students participating in Board-approved extracurricular activities or field trips;
- D. Students whose route to the school is deemed hazardous by the Board;
- E. Other students as required by law.

The criteria to be used in designing routes and assigning students to them shall include:

- A. The distance to be traveled to and from school;
- B. The age and state of health of the child;
- C. The requirements of the instructional program;
- D. The hazards involved on the route to be traveled.

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall be responsible for design of bus routes to provide safe, economical and reasonably expeditious transportation for the students included in this policy.

Transportation to and from school shall be provided as required by law to eligible nonpublic school students and to students attending charter schools. All students riding on District buses shall be required to observe the District's bus conduct regulations or risk loss of the privilege of such transportation.

The school bus driver shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are being transported to or from school. When a problem in student conduct requires disciplinary action, the driver shall report it to the Principal. A student may be suspended from bus transportation by the Principal for disciplinary reasons, in which case the parents/guardians are responsible for the student's transportation.

Northern Valley Regional High School District provides, by contract, the transportation for Old Tappan students attending any other public and/or nonprofit private or parochial school. When Northern Valley Regional High School District schools are closed because of inclement weather, transportation shall not be provided for such students.

Buses, whether contracted or District-owned, shall be kept in optimum condition and shall conform to all state safety regulations.

Bus routes must be acted upon by the Board and submitted to the county office.

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<u>Legal References</u>: N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-25 Transportation aid

N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.6 Transportation (budget line item)
N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-13 Transportation services (charter schools)
N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. Transportation To and From Schools

<u>See particularly:</u>
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:39-1.2
through -1.4, -1.5, -1.6, -1,7

N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.6 Transportation to location or maintenance of vehicular

classrooms to obtain services; payment of cost

N.J.S.A. 18A:46-23 Transportation of students; special classes; handicapped

children; state aid

New Jersey Commercial Drivers License Act

N.J.S.A. 39:3-27 Free registration of certain vehicles; transfer to other motor

vehicles

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1. seq. Student Transportation

See particularly:

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1(b), -2.1,

-3.1, -5.1, -6.2, -6.3, -6.4, -9.1(e), -11.1, -13.3

N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

Parents for Student Safety, Inc., v. Morris Bd. of Ed., 1986 S.L.D. (February 5), St. Bd. rev'g 1984 S.L.D. (August 24), aff'd App. Div., unreported decision (docket no. A-3257-

85-T7, decided February 17, 1987) certif. den. 108 N.J. 180 (1987)

Wayne Board of Education v. Kraft et al., 139 NJ 597 (1995)

Policies and Procedures Manual for Student Transportation, N.J. State Department of

Education

Cross References: *3220/3230 State funds; federal funds

*3516 Safety

*3541.31 Privately owned vehicles *3541.33 Transportation safety

*4211 Recruitment, selection and hiring *5200 Nonpublic school students *6145 Extracurricular activities

*6153 Field trips

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