

SD42 POLICY 5400

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT

PURPOSE

The Board of Education recognizes that transportation services may be necessary to support equitable access to educational programs. The Board is committed to providing transportation for eligible students with disabilities and diverse abilities and may provide transportation services for other students, subject to available funding and Board approval.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Board authorizes the Secretary Treasurer to establish administrative procedures for student transportation services, including eligibility, registration, fees, route planning, safety requirements, and service delivery.

This policy applies to transportation services provided between home and school through contracted transportation service providers. Transportation associated with field trips, extracurricular activities, and other school-related activities shall be administered in accordance with procedures established by the Superintendent of Schools or Secretary Treasurer.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Student Safety

When providing transportation services, student safety shall be the primary consideration in its planning, administration, and delivery.

2. Transportation for Students with Disabilities and Diverse Abilities

Transportation services shall be prioritized for eligible students with disabilities and diverse abilities who require transportation in order to access educational programs.

3. Transportation for Other Students

Subject to available funding and Board approval, transportation services may be provided to other students in accordance with eligibility criteria established through administrative procedures. The level and scope of service may vary from year to year based on available resources.

4. Equity and Resource Stewardship

Transportation services shall be planned and delivered in a manner that balances equitable access to educational programs with the responsible stewardship of public resources.

5. Operational Efficiency

Transportation services shall be planned and delivered in a safe, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner, with consideration given to service levels, route efficiency, available funding, and changing student needs.

6. Fees and Financial Accessibility

The Board shall establish transportation fees and may provide financial hardship provisions in accordance with Board policy and administrative procedures.

7. Shared Responsibility

The safe and effective delivery of District-provided transportation services requires cooperation among students, parents/guardians, employees, and contracted transportation service providers. Roles, responsibilities, and operational requirements shall be established through administrative procedures.

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