

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education affirms its goal of providing a safe and economical transportation system for district students. Transportation shall be provided at district expense to those students who are eligible as authorized by the Board.

Transportation will be provided on the basis of the individual grades in which students are enrolled and the distance they live from the school attended. For purposes of providing transportation as required by this policy and Education Law, mileage to determine eligibility for transportation will be measured along the centerline of the street perpendicular from the middle of the main entrance of the dwelling place to the centerline of the curb perpendicular to the nearest entrance as designated below:

Elementary Buildings:	Main Entrance
Middle School:	North & South Entrances on Wellwood Ave.
High School:	Main Entrance & Cafeteria Entrance

Eligibility will be determined based on the following schedule:

K through 5	$\frac{3}{4}$ mile or more
Grades 6-8	1 mile or more
Grades 9-12	1 1/2 miles or more

General private or parochial transportation needs per current state education regulations require the need to transport pupils up to a 15 mile radius from the pupil's home to the school location.

The major objectives in the management of the student transportation program shall include the following:

1. to provide efficient, effective and safe service;
2. to ensure that all students whose disability or distance from school requires them to receive necessary transportation do, in fact, receive it;
3. to adapt the system to the demands of the instructional program;
4. to review at least once a year school bus schedules and routing plans to ensure that maximum efficiency and safety are maintained; and
5. to review at least once a year the eligibility for transportation of students residing in the district, to ensure that all entitled to the services receive them.

The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for administering the transportation program. The program shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and policies established by federal, state and local authorities.

PROVISIONS FOR THE TRANSPORTION OF PUPILS

1. Contracts for Transportations

It is the current policy of the Lindenhurst Board of Education to award a contract using a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the general transportation needs of the district. Said contract shall not become valid and binding upon either party until it has been approved by the superintendent of schools and the commissioner of education. Such contracts may be made for a period not exceeding five years if such terms are approved by the voters.

2. Transportation of Students with Disabilities

The Lindenhurst School District also provides transportation by contracted vehicles for pupils who are physically or mentally handicapped to schools within the district or to special schools for severely handicapped children when such schools are within a fifty mile radius of the pupil's home.

Cross-ref: 5300, Code of Conduct

Ref: Education Law §§305(14); 1501-b; 1807; 3602(7); 3623; 3635 et seq.
Matter of Handicapped Child, 24 EDR 41 (1984)
Matter of Zakrezewski, 22 EDR 381 (1983)
Matter of Nowak, 22 EDR 91 (1982)
Matter of Fox, 19 EDR 439 (1980)

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