

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses, and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules, and stops. He/she may also arrange for local media to publish such information.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

With the Governing Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)
2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)
4. District employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)
5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a regional occupational center or program (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupation Center/Program)

7. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)
8. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults for educational purposes other than to and from school (Education Code 39801.5)

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(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

9. Private school students, upon the same terms, in the same manner, and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)
10. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:
 - a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)
 - b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)
 - c. Transportation of government employees to and from their places of employment (Education Code 39840)

Students who attend school outside of their school attendance area or district boundaries may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with district policy.

(cf. 5116.1- Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program or Section 504 plan. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4, 300.17, 300.34)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Walking Distance to School

The district shall offer transportation to those students involved at the various grade levels who live beyond the distances from the school as listed below. For grades kindergarten through six, these distances shall be measured by using the most direct route from the student's residence to school. For grades seven through 12, these distances shall be measured by using a radius from the school.

1. All pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 through 3 – one mile
2. All pupils in grades 4 through 6 – two and one-half miles
3. All pupils in grades 7 and 8 – two and one-half miles - radius
4. All pupils in grades 9 through 12 – three miles - radius

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Consideration for varying these distances shall be given for those students with special medical reasons. This requires a statement from the family doctor with the need explained and the length of time this special transportation will be needed. Medical permits shall be renewed each school year.

All other students living within the walking distance may also petition for transportation. Special consideration requests may be submitted and shall be renewed each school year.

Walking Distances to Meet Bus on Routes

Bus routes shall be planned to give students the best possible service. Every effort shall be made to locate the bus stops at points where pupils can be loaded and discharged safely and conveniently. In areas where pupils live at considerable distances from each other, the school bus may need to stop at each point along the route that is nearest to the pupil's home rather than at central gathering points. In areas where students live close together, they may be required to walk to certain designated bus stops located at intervals along the route. The following is considered reasonable walking distances to meet buses.

1. Students in kindergarten and grades 1 through 3 – ½ mile
2. Students in grades 4 through 8 - ¾ mile
3. Students in grades 9 through 12 – ¾ mile

The above distances to be measured from the point of entry to privately owned property.

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The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless students in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. When the student resides outside of district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district of residence to apportion the responsibility and costs of transportation. (42 USC 11432)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine the provision, arrangement, and funding of transportation to enable foster youth to attend their school of origin when it is in the student's best interest to do so. (20 USC 6312)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900.5 *Use of school buses for community recreation*

35330 *Excursions and field trips*

35350 *Authority to transport pupils*

39800-39809.5 *Transportation, general provisions, especially:*

39800 *Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school*

39801.5 *Transportation for adults*

39808 *Transportation for private school students*

39830-39843 *School buses, especially:*

39835 *Use of school buses for community recreation*

39837 *Transportation to summer employment program*

39837.5 *Transportation of employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers to school activities*

39860 *Transportation to school activities*

41850-41856 *Allowances for transportation*

41860-41863 *Supplementary allowances for transportation*

48853.5 *Educational placement of students residing in licensed children's institutions*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15240-15244 *Allowances for student transportation, definitions*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

6312 *Transportation to maintain children in foster care in school of origin*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11432 *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 *Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

300.17 *Free appropriate public education*

300.34 *Special education related services*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Special Education Pupil Transportation: Considerations in the Era of LCFF, Governance Brief, April 2014

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn/or/assignment.asp>

Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: <http://www.ptsi.org>

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