

8600 TRANSPORTATION

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

1. Students who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;
2. Educationally disabled students in accordance with their IEP;
3. Students participating in Board-approved extracurricular activities or field trips; and
4. Other students as required by law.

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

1. The distance to be traveled to and from school;
2. The age and state of health of the child;
3. The requirements of the instructional program; and
4. The hazards involved on the route to be traveled.

The Board may charge parents/guardians for transporting students who live within statutory limits. The charge may include, but not be limited to the cost of fuel, driver salaries and insurance.

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 districts bus conduct regulations or risk loss of the privilege of such transportation.

On a space-available basis, the Board may transport both public and nonpublic students who live within statutory limits (subscription busing). The Board or a cooperative transportation services agency may charge for this service. The charge shall be equitable and may include, but not be limited to, the cost of fuel, driver salaries and insurance.

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.



All school bus drivers employed by the Board of Education must comply with the State of New Jersey regulations for school bus drivers and that of the New Jersey Department of Education for transportation.

A candidate for a school bus driver (permanent or substitute) must:

1. Undergo a physical examination and place a copy on file in his/her personnel file (Confidential).
2. Undergo the criminal check/fingerprint process.
3. Pass the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles written and road tests.
4. Undergo a minimum of four hours road and route training. Said road training shall be rotated among school bus drivers employed by the Board of Education and shall be as assigned by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Buses used to transport students must meet State standards. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the State Board of Education and the Department of Education Policy and Procedures Manual for Student Transportation.

The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of non-resident students to or from school, except that transportation to and from school will be provided for homeless children for whom the district is determined to be the district of residence and for homeless children enrolled in this district when no district of residence has been determined.

The Board will also transport resident children who attend a non-public school in the State of New Jersey not more than twenty miles from their residence, but not a lesser distance from their residence than that required by law. When the schools of this district are closed for inclement weather or other conditions, no transportation will be provided for students enrolled in any public or non-public school.

Subscription Transportation Along Hazardous Routes

The Florham Park Board of Education is concerned with the safety of students who walk to and from school along roadways determined to be hazardous routes. The Superintendent shall work in conjunction with municipal officials to determine the criteria necessary for the classification of a hazardous route and shall maintain a list of all hazardous routes in the district. The Superintendent shall develop rules and regulations to supply subscription transportation for students who must walk to and from school along routes designated by the Florham Park School District to be hazardous routes. The criteria used to determine hazardous routes may include but shall not be limited to the following:



1. Population density;
2. Traffic volume;
3. Average vehicle velocity;
4. Existence or absence of sufficient sidewalk space;
5. Roads and highways that are winding or have blind curves;
6. Roads or highways with steep inclines and declines;
7. Drop-offs that are close proximity to a sidewalk;
8. Bridges or overpasses that must be crossed to reach the school;
9. Train tracks or trestles that must be crossed to reach the school; and
10. Busy roads and highways that must be crossed to reach the school.

Students who would otherwise be required to walk to and from school along routes designated as hazardous shall be included in the calculation of the district's regular vehicle capacity utilization.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 27:15-16

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.; 6A:27-3.1

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