

Operational Services

Transportation

The District shall make available a student transportation program for all students in the District. This service will be provided by an outside contractor secured through competitive bidding as required by state statutes.

Students utilizing the District transportation program shall pay a fee, adopted annually by the Board, for this service.

Free transportation services and vehicle adaptation for special education students shall be provided if included in the student's individualized educational programs. The District may provide transportation to and from school sponsored activities. Nonpublic school students shall be transported in accordance with Board policy and State law. Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with Federal and State law. Foster care students shall be transported in accordance with Section 6312(c)(5)(B) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Bus schedules and routes shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee and shall be altered only with the Superintendent or designee's approval and direction. In fixing the routes, the pick up and discharge points should be as safe and convenient for students as possible.

No school employee may transport students in school or private vehicles unless authorized by the Administration.

Every vehicle regularly used for transportation of students must pass safety inspections in accordance with State law and Illinois Department of Transportation regulations. The strobe light on a school bus may be illuminated only when the bus is actually being used as a school bus and (1) is stopping or stopped for loading or discharging students on a highway outside an urban area, or (2) is bearing one or more students. The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures in accordance with State law for accepting erratic driving reports. The vehicles provided for student transportation shall meet the specifications of the Board relating to seat design and restraints.

All contracts for charter bus services must contain the clause required by State law regarding criminal background checks for bus drivers.

Pre- and Post-Trip Vehicle Inspection

The outside contractor for student transportation shall develop and implement a pre-trip inspection procedure to ensure that the school bus driver tests the two-way radio or cellular radio telecommunication device and ensures that it is functioning properly before the bus is operated and a post-trip inspection procedure to ensure that the school bus driver is the last person leaving the bus and that no passenger is left behind or remains on the vehicle at the end of a route, work shift, or workday.

LEGAL REF.: McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11431 et.seq.
105 ILCS 5/10-22.22 and 5/29-1 et seq.
105 ILCS 45/1-15.
625 ILCS 5/1-182, 5/11-1414.1, 5/12-815, 5/12-816, and 5/13-109.
23 Ill. Admin. Code §§ 1.510a and 226.935.
Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §6312(c)(5)(B).

CROSS REF.: 5:280, 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

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