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8600 TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education shall transport eligible pupils to and from school and school related activities in accordance with law and this policy. Transportation shall be provided only to eligible public and nonpublic school pupils, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

The Board will transport pupils certified by a physician as temporarily disabled regardless of the distance between their home and school.

The Board will transport educationally disabled pupils in accordance with Policy No. 8670.

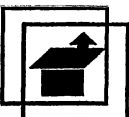
The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of nonresident pupils to or from school, except that transportation to and from school will be provided for homeless children for whom this district is determined to be the district of residence and for homeless children enrolled in this district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

When the schools of this district are closed for inclement weather or other conditions, no transportation will be provided for pupils enrolled in any public or nonpublic school.

When the Board provides transportation of pupils to and from pupils classified pursuant to chapter 46 of N.J.S.A. 18A of the New Jersey Statutes the Board will utilize one of the agencies identified and published by the Commissioner of Education as providing cooperative transportation services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1. The Board will provide to the agency any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.

Transportation by one of these agencies will not be required when the local district can provide transportation at a lower cost than the agencies or the transportation provided by one of the agencies does not fall within the policies of the Board regarding length of ride and assignment of students to a route based on student age or classification.

The Board requires that all buses bid or purchased after September 8, 1992 shall be equipped with seat belts. School bus drivers and all school bus passengers shall be required to wear seat belts when transported in school buses so equipped not later than September 7, 1994. Seat belts shall be fastened when the driver and passengers board the vehicle and they shall be kept



fastened at all times while on board the vehicle. Seat belts may be unfastened only when the individual is departing the vehicle. The Board further requires that drivers and passengers using private vehicles to transport pupils wear seat belts in the same manner.

The Board requires every school bus bid or purchased as of August 6, 1996 that is used to transport public or non-public pupils will be equipped with a crossing control arm at the right front corner of the bus. The arm must open and extend out from the bus at least 5 feet each time the bus door is opened.

All school buses in operation for public and non-public pupils not already equipped with crossing control arms must be so equipped by September 1, 1998.

Buses used to transport pupils 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 Pupil Transportation.

The Transportation Coordinator shall:

1. Arrange routes for any required transportation of pupils;
2. Prepare and promulgate procedures approved by the Board to be followed in the event of a bus emergency and rules governing the conduct of all pupils transported by the Board;
3. Maintain such records and make such reports regarding school transportation as are required by the State Board of Education; and
4. Prepare the specifications for any bus route or contract for which proposals will be sought by the Board.

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. 6:3-8.9; 6:21-1.1 et seq.

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