

## **Operational Services**

### **Transportation**

The District shall provide free transportation for all students in the District: (1) residing at a distance of one and one-half miles or more from their assigned schools, or (2) residing within one and one-half miles from their assigned schools where walking to school or to a pick-up point or bus stop would constitute a serious hazard due to vehicular traffic or rail crossing as defined by the Illinois Department of Transportation, and adequate public transportation is not available. A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may file a petition with the Board of Education requesting transportation due to the existence of a serious safety hazard. Free transportation services and vehicle adaptation for special education students shall be provided if included in the students' individualized educational programs. The District may provide transportation to and from school-sponsored activities. Non-public school students shall be transported in accordance with State law. Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

Bus schedules and routes shall be determined by the Business Manager or designee and shall be altered only with the Business Manager'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 the transportation of students must pass safety inspections in accordance with State law and Illinois Department of Transportation regulations.

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

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, and 5/13-109  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §~1.510 and 226.935

CROSS REF.: 5:280 (Educational Support Personnel - Duties and Qualifications), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

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