Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Transportation Routes and Service

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)

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their “school of attendance” and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For elementary school students: one (1) mile.
2. For middle school students: two and one half (2½) miles.
3. For senior high school students: three (3) miles.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation below these limits when safety problems or hazards exist. (cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School)

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules, and stops.

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 39837b).
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) (cf. 6200 - Adult Education).

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- Intra-district Open Enrollment) (cf. 5117 – Inter-district 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)

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) (cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

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
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:  
http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn/or/assignment.asp
Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: http://www.ptsi.org

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