

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Springfield New Jersey 07081**

**POLICY: ROUTES AND SERVICES**

The Board of Education directs the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to supervise development of bus routes to provide safe, economical and reasonably expeditious transportation for:

- A. Pupils who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;
- B. Pupils whose route to the school is deemed hazardous by the board;
- C. Educationally handicapped pupils in accordance with their IEP;
- D. Pupils participating in board-approved extracurricular activities or field trips;
- E. Other pupils as required by law.

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

- A. The distance to be traveled to and from school;
- B. The hazards involved on the route to be traveled.
- C. The age and state of health of the child
- D. The requirements of the instructional program;

Transportation to and from school shall be provided as required by law to eligible nonpublic school pupils. All pupils riding on district buses shall be required to observe the district's bus conduct regulations or risk loss of the privilege of such transportation.

The Board of Education in the interest of student safety and parent convenience has established the following criteria for Subscription Courtesy Busing eligibility:

- A. Age of children to be transported
- B. Distance from school and traffic patterns
- C. Hardship

Subscription Courtesy Busing will be administered according to the established criteria and/or a lottery system for available seats. The Board will set an annual fee for this service, and a special adjustment in those fees will be available for individuals whose children qualify for free and reduced meal prices.

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 annually by the Board and submitted to the county office.

## **Legal References:**

N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.6 Transportation (budget line item)  
N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. Transportation to and from schools  
N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.6, -23 Transportation to location or maintenance of vehicular classrooms to obtain services; payment of cost ...  
N.J.S.A. 18A:39 Transportation to and from schools  
N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.6 Transportation to location or maintenance of vehicular class-rooms to obtain services; payment of cost  
N.J.S.A. 18A:46-23 Transportation of pupils; special classes; handicapped children; state aid  
N.J.S.A. 18A:58-6 Atypical pupils  
N.J.S.A. 18A:58-7 Transportation  
N.J.S.A. 39:3-10.9 et al. Conformity with Federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Highway Safety Act of 1986  
N.J.S.A. 39:3-27 Free registration of certain vehicles; transfer to other motor vehicles  
N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.3(a)10vi Evaluation of elements and standards (financial)  
N.J.A.C. 6:3-8.4, -8.6 Responsibilities of the district of residence ...  
N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.9 School resources: finance and facilities  
N.J.A.C. 6:8-8.3(b)11vi Procedures for evaluation and certification (financial)  
N.J.A.C. 6:21 Pupil transportation  
N.J.A.C. 6:28-3.7(a)5 Related services  
N.J.A.C. 6:28-3.8(a)5 Related services

Parents for Student Safety, Inc. v. Board of Education of the Morris School District, 1968 S.L.D. (February 5),  
St. Bd. rev'g 1984 S.L.D. (August 24)

Parents for Student Safety, Inc., v. Morris Bd. of Ed., 1986 S.L.D. (February 5), St. Bd. rev'g 1984 S.L.D. (August 24), aff'd App. Div., unreported decision (docket no. A-3257-85-T7, decided February 17, 1987) certif. den. 108 N.J. 180 (1987)

Wayne Board of Education v. Kraft et al., docket no. A-94-94,  
decided April 24, 1995

## **Cross References:**

3220/3230 State funds; federal funds  
3516 Safety  
3541.31 Privately owned vehicles  
3541.33 Transportation safety  
3541.4 Use of Privately Owned Vehicles in Pupil Transportation  
4211 Recruitment, selection and hiring  
5200 Nonpublic school pupils  
6145 Extracurricular activities  
6153 Field trips

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