

TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

The Governing Board shall provide appropriate transportation services for students with disabilities as specified in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The Superintendent or designee shall make home-to-school transportation available for these students at no cost to parents/guardians in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)

(cf. 3260 - Transportation Fees)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

(cf. 3541.5 - Alternative Transportation Arrangements)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Exceptional Needs))

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program (IEP))

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification of Individuals with Exceptional Needs)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to arrange transportation schedules so that students with disabilities do not spend an excessive amount of time on buses. Arrivals and departures should not reduce the length of the school day for these students except as may be prescribed on an individual basis.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations setting forth criteria for determining the most appropriate mode of transportation for an individual student. Such criteria shall include the coordination of regular transportation and special transportation, the student's safety and health needs, and the extent to which transportation arrangements may help the student develop independent mobility skills.

When a student receiving special education or Section 504 services is excluded from schoolbus transportation, the Superintendent or designee shall provide alternative transportation at no cost to the student or parent/guardian.

(cf. 3541.5 - Alternative Transportation Arrangements)

IEP teams or Section 504 committees shall authorize appropriate special transportation to and from school for students who have:

1. An orthopedic or other physical disability or handicap that significantly impairs mobility.
2. A severe sensory impairment, such as full or partial blindness or deafness, which puts their safety and well-being at risk.

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3. A significant delay in social, emotional or cognitive development, as documented by appropriate assessment data, which puts their safety and well-being at risk.

Students eligible for special transportation for one of the above reasons may receive such transportation to and/or from a child care provider located within the District.

The District shall provide special transportation to and from alternative sites or clinics where the student is scheduled to receive a related service included in the student's IEP.

Special education students who do not meet any of the above criteria may use regular home-to-school transportation. A student who would otherwise not be eligible for special transportation may receive such transportation if assigned by the District to a site other than his/her neighborhood school for the purpose of receiving special education.

Students admitted to a special education program in the District on an inter-district transfer agreement must, as a condition of attendance, arrange for the District or SELPA of residence to provide any necessary transportation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

39807.5 *Payment of transportation cost*

41850-41854 *Allowances for transportation*

48915.5 *Expulsion of students with exceptional needs*

56221 *Adoption of policies*

56366 *Nonpublic nonsectarian schools or agencies*

56366.1 *Waiver of requirements under section 56365 and 56366*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15050 *Transfer of funds to child development fund and development center for handicapped pupils fund*

15243 *Physically handicapped minors*

15271 *Exclusion from report*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400 *et seq. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 *Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

Management Resources:

CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0500.92 *Implementation of Special Education Transportation Apportionment (#92-02)*