

**Student Eligibility** A student eligible to use District transportation shall be defined as one who resides two or more miles (measured by the nearest commonly traveled public road) from the nearest school in which the student's grade is taught; or a student who is eligible because of the student's participation in classes for exceptional children and who meets applicable criteria. The Board shall designate which school a transported student shall attend.

**Hazardous Traffic Conditions and High-Risk Areas** If the District applies for the additional transportation allotment provided by the state for students who live within two miles of a school campus, the Board shall adopt a resolution to identify hazardous traffic conditions or areas presenting a high risk of violence within two miles of the school campus. The resolution shall include the specific hazardous or high-risk areas in which transportation shall be provided, and the District shall publish the locations of these routes. The Board shall adopt a revised resolution when necessary to accurately reflect changes to the conditions or areas.

**Hazardous Conditions** Temporary hazards shall not be given priority in the designation of hazardous conditions. Dangerous situations in multiple numbers shall receive highest consideration. The age of the students crossing these areas shall be a factor when establishing hazardous bus routes.

New or existing areas meeting the criteria for hazardous conditions shall be reevaluated annually whenever the addition of walkways, crosswalks, traffic control devices, or other improvements directly affect the designation of an area as hazardous. The operation of buses on hazardous routes shall be based on available funding and equipment.

**Scheduling and Routing** Prior to the District's annual 30-day freedom of choice period, the Board or its designee shall establish designated transportation areas for school bus routes. School buses shall be operated to and from school on approved routes, and no variations shall be made from such routes. [See FDB series]

**Authorized Stops** Authorized bus stops shall be established on each route by the Superintendent or designee. Bus operators shall load and unload students only at the designated stops. No student shall be permitted to unload at any place other than the normal loading stop.

**Students with Disabilities** The admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee shall annually determine if a student with a disability is in need of special transportation and the type of special transportation needed. Documentation of this finding shall become a part of the student's individualized education program (IEP). [See EHB series]

Transportation for eligible students with disabilities may be provided by District-operated buses, by private transportation provided by parents or their designee, or by contracted transportation, in accordance with applicable guidelines.

Eligible students shall be transported from home to school and school to home in accordance with the requirements of the IEP. When a student with a disability is to be picked up at or delivered to an address other than his or her residence, the transportation office shall be notified of the change along with the name and address of the person who will assume responsibility for the student.

Upon ARD committee recommendation, the District shall be responsible for providing transportation for students in residential placement at the beginning and at the end of the term and for regularly scheduled school holidays when students are expected to leave the campus. The ARD committee may designate an adult to accompany a student if necessary for the student's safety. The District shall, along with the residential facility, ensure that students are transported safely.

*Private  
Transportation*

When private transportation is used, the reimbursement allowance shall be a part of the student's IEP. If a designee of the parent provides the service, a signed statement of parental authorization shall be included in the student's IEP for each year the service is provided.

**School Activities**

Due to the ease of seating configuration changes, the District shall prohibit the use of passenger vans that seat more than seven students.

When transporting students in connection with school activities on routes other than to and from school:

1. Only school buses or motor buses shall be used to transport 15 or more students; and
2. Passenger cars or passenger vans shall not be used to transport more than seven students.