

Transportation To and From School

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the intent of the Board of Directors to authorize transportation services for students attending Valley School District programs.

Scope

This policy applies to the Superintendent, administrators, Transportation Supervisor, staff, students, parents and guardians.

Policy

1. The Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the district to provide transportation services to students enrolled in its school programs within the limits of time and available seating space.
 - 1.1. District transportation to and from school will be available without cost for eligible students:
 - (a) Students whose residence is beyond the one mile radius from the school in which he/she is enrolled.
 - (b) Students whose walking route to school is hazardous.
 - (c) Students whose disability prevents him/her from walking or providing for his/her own welfare while walking.
 - (d) Students with compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services (for example, students eligible through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act).
 - 1.2. The Superintendent is authorized on behalf of the district to enter into a written agreement with another school district for transporting students from one school program to another, providing for a division of the cost of such transportation.
 - 1.2.1. Parents or guardians of students “choicing” into or out of Valley School District will be responsible for the transportation of their student to the school of choice or to the nearest designated bus stop when their home is located outside of the regular service area and/or when service is needed outside of regularly scheduled service times. For such students, transportation will be provided on a space-available basis.
2. The Superintendent is authorized and directed pursuant to applicable state law and regulations to implement the district's transportation program. The Superintendent and/or designee(s) will be responsible for managing the transportation program, including route and stop determination, schedules, operations, fleet maintenance, and reporting.

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- 2.1. Transportation routes will be established in a manner which safely and efficiently serve eligible students, including eligible special needs students. Students may be required to travel up to two miles from their home to an established bus stop.
 - 2.2. Regularly scheduled transportation routes will be on established county or state roads. Routes will not be permitted on private roads, except for designated turn-around areas that may protrude on private property.
 3. Transportation services of the district may include busing for district-approved field trips, school activities and extracurricular activities within or outside the district boundaries, during or after school business hours, in accordance with Policy 6621-Transportation-Extraordinary Uses.
 4. The Superintendent is authorized to permit children attending an approved private school to ride a school bus in accordance with RCW 28A.160.020, and to permit a parent or guardian of a district student to ride a bus in accordance with RCW 28A.160.110.
 5. The district's transportation program will comply in all ways with state law and regulations. The district will maintain the records required to obtain state transportation apportionment funding.
 6. The Superintendent or designee will establish procedures regulating the safe and efficient transportation of students to and from school.

Related Procedures

6601P1-Transportation To and From School

6601P2-Bus Drop Off Procedures

6601P3-School Delays, Closures or Early Releases Due to Weather

6605P1-Student Safety and Conduct on Buses

6632P1-Federal Highway Administration Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

Policy Cross References

6605-Student Safety Walking and Riding Buses

6621-Transportation-Extraordinary Uses

6631-Transportation-Driver Training and Responsibility

6632-Transportation-Mandated Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

Policy Legal References

RCW 28A.160 – Student Transportation

Chapter 392-141 WAC – Transportation – State allocation for operations

Chapter 392-145 WAC – Transportation – Operation Rules

WAC 392-172A-02095 – Transportation (Special Education)

Management Resources

N/A

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