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8611 SUBSCRIPTION BUSING

The Westfield Board of Education offers the option of subscription busing (sale of seating) for students who attend the Westfield Public Schools, when seats are available on its predetermined, distance bus routes. Students will be selected for seating on an annual basis through a lottery system.

Administrative procedures will be established by the Superintendent for advertising available seats, the application process, conducting the lottery, notifying selected students, and the collection of funds for subscription busing.

The per pupil cost of this transportation will be determined by the daily cost of the bus route divided by the number of total seats available on the vehicle.

No family will be denied transportation because of financial hardship and shall not be excluded from participation under this policy for this reason. In determining financial hardship, the criteria shall be the same as the statewide eligibility standards established by the State Board of Education for free and reduced price meals under the Federal School Lunch Program.

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- A. Subscription busing is open to all students.
- B. By May 15, parents will be notified of Policy 8611, concerning pupils eligible for subscription busing, to determine their interest in participation.
 - 1. The notice shall contain the estimated cost per pupil of the transportation for the upcoming school year and an application that must be returned.
 - 2. In order to be considered in the lottery, applications for subscription transportation must be received by the Westfield Board of Education Transportation Office no later than June 15 of the year before busing will begin.
- C. The fee for Subscription Busing will be due to the Westfield Board of Education on or before August 1, prior to the opening of school. Bus passes will only be issued to those students who have paid for their seats on or before August 1. Pre-payment is necessary to ensure that buses are utilized to capacity in order to keep the price of seats down.
- D. Payment for Subscription Busing is for the entire year and is non-refundable.
- E. Transportation will only be provided to and from school at a bus stop along the routes established by the Board of Education. No Subscription Busing will be provided to and from any other location.
- F. Eligibility for free and reduced fees for Subscription Busing will be determined by the same method the State Board of Education determines the eligibility standards for free and reduced price meals under the Federal School Lunch Program.
- G. The Westfield Board of Education will determine the eligibility list for free and reduced lunch for the year prior to the year in which Subscription Busing would be provided. Those eligible for reduced lunch would pay 25% of the full cost of transportation for that particular route but at no time will that cost be less than \$50.00. Students eligible for free lunch would pay no fee for transportation services.

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