

Transportation of Special Needs Pupils

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The Board of Education shall provide transportation services for pupils with special needs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1, and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP). The Board will provide transportation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1 as a related service for a pupil with special needs pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.9(a)7. Such transportation services may include, but are not limited to, special transportation equipment, transportation aides, and special arrangements for other assistance to and from school. The district shall be given sufficient notice of implementation of changes to a pupil's IEP that affects transportation.

When an out-of-district placement for educational reasons is made, transportation shall be provided consistent with the school calendar of the receiving school except on inclement weather days. A copy of the school calendar shall be submitted to the resident district by May 15 preceding the year in which transportation is required, or at the time of placement if it occurs after May 15.

When necessary, the pupil's case manager shall provide the transportation coordinator or responsible staff member and the bus driver with specific information about the pupil including safety concerns, mode of communication, and health and behavioral characteristics of a pupil for whom transportation services are to be provided.

Pupils with special needs below the age of five shall be transported in vehicles equipped with safety belts or other child restraint systems, in accordance with applicable Federal and State regulations.

The transportation of pupils with special needs to special education programs approved by the Board and located outside the state will conform to guidelines established by the New Jersey State Department of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2(c)1.

State aid will be sought for the services provided in accordance with law and this policy. The Board directs that appropriate records be maintained and all relevant documentation be preserved in order that the district be properly reimbursed for the costs of transportation.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.; 18A:39-2.1; 18A:46-19.6; 18A:46-23
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