

### STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The major purpose of school transportation is to get students who live an unreasonable walking distance from school to school and back in an efficient, safe, and economical manner. Other purposes include the provision of transportation for academic field trips in direct support of the curriculum, and transportation for support of the co-curricular program (athletics, music, drama, and the like).

District-owned buses/contracted transportation services will be provided by the Board for the transport of students to and from school. However, as it is impractical to transport certain special education students by regular bus, they may be transported by other conveyance. The transportation supervisor/bus driver, working in conjunction with school principal and under the supervision of the Superintendent/CEO, will be responsible for the day to day operation of the school transportation system and the scheduling and routing of all buses, bus stops and all regulations of the program.

Vehicles owned by the Board will be operated by authorized school employees or officials who are properly licensed. These employees and officials must meet all state requirements for licensing.

The District Administrator or Business Manager will authorize school vehicle use if other than normal procedures. The following rules apply to usage:

1. The vehicle must be kept clean
2. Seat belts must be used by all passengers
3. Numbers of passengers should be limited to the number of seat belts.
4. Smoking is not allowed in school vehicles.

Management of the school transportation program will meet the following criteria:

1. Adequacy: Does the program provide both necessary and sufficient transportation to and from school and for all other school programs?
2. Safety: Does the scheduling and operating of the program take into consideration hazards, potential dangers to pupils, and all appropriate safeguards?
3. Economy: Is the program operated in the most efficient manner possible after considering the constraints imposed by criteria of adequacy and safety?
4. Evaluation: The school transportation program will be monitored by the administration or their designees, and subjected to periodic evaluations by them as necessary.

**Legal References:**

ARSD 24:05:27:03 IEP TEAM TO DETERMINE RELATED SERVICES  
ARSD 24:05:27:07 TRANSPORTATION  
ARSD 24:06 SCHOOL BUSES  
SDCL 13-29 SCHOOL BUSES & TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS  
SDCL 13-30 STUDENT ALLOWANCES IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION

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