

Business and Non-Instructional Operations**Transportation**

Transportation services shall be provided by the Board for all students in grades kindergarten through twelve which it deems eligible for such service.

The Business Administrator or his/her designee shall establish bus routes and designate bus stops, provide for student safety on buses and handle disciplinary hearings and complaints regarding school transportation.

In grades kindergarten through eight, the maximum walking distance shall be one mile. In grades nine through 12, the maximum walking distance shall be two miles. Total time elapsed between school and home shall include walking plus bus transportation, and shall not exceed one hour. Parents and citizens challenging the present policy shall do so in writing.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities shall be transported to school as requested by a Planning and Placement Team.

Parental Responsibility

Except for the circumstances set forth above, the responsibility for transportation, including travel to and from bus stops, shall rest with the student's parents or legal guardians.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education
 10-220 Duties of boards of education
 14-275 Equipment and color of school buses
 14-275a Use of standard school bus required, when.
 14-275b Transportation of handicapped students.
 14-275c Regulations re school buses and motor vehicles used to transport
 special education students.
 14-276a (c) Town/school district may require its school bus operators to
 have completed a safety training course.
 14-280 Letters and signals to be concealed when not used in transporting
 children. Signs on other vehicles.

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Transportation Administrative Regulation

- a. **Challenge to Policy** - In the event that a citizen or parent wants to challenge the transportation policy, that complaint shall be made in writing and submitted to the school Business Administrator.
- b. **Definitions** - The following definitions will be used:
 1. **School Transportation** The procedure, program or fully effective and implemented plan by which a student is conveyed to and/or from school from his/her residence or the bus stop at public expense, whether by use of publicly owned equipment or by contract. Such transportation shall be over public roads approved by the town or private roads approved pursuant to CG.S. Section 10-220c.
 2. **Walking Distance** - The linear measure of a prescribed or authorized pedestrian route between the student's residence and his/her school from a point at the curb or edge of a public or private road nearest the student's residence to a safe entrance to the school grounds located within one hundred feet of the school building entrance.
 3. **One Mile Walking Distance** - A reasonable measurement of a route to be traversed extending from the point of measurement at 5,280 feet, but not more than 5,380 feet.

Rented school buses may be used to transport classes on educational trips within the limits of the transportation budget.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-76d re transportation for special education program services.

10-97 Transportation to vocational schools.

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board.

10-220 Duties of boards of education.

10-220c Transportation of children over private roads. Immunity from liability.

10-273a Reimbursement for transportation to and from elementary and secondary schools.

10-280a Transportation for students in non-profit private schools outside school district.

10-281 Transportation for students in non-profit private schools within school district.

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