

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REVISION

Policy 3541

Business and Non-Instructional Services

Student Transportation Transportation Routes And Services

Student transportation will be consistent with current State Statutes and with the California State Department of Education Regulations and Laws Relating to Pupil Transportation in California;

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses, and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

Transportation will be made available to each and every student of the District on an equal basis under the policy provisions of this section. Transportation is provided by the District on an optional basis and is supported by State reimbursement, District funds, and “cost covering” charges to eligible users.

Transportation by private carrier may be provided whenever such practice is more economical than using District-owned vehicles. Parents may be reimbursed for transportation of eligible students whenever such practice is more economical or convenient for the District.

District vehicles will not be allowed to travel on private roads or county roads that are not maintained.

Students will not be transported home-to-school or school-to-home if they reside within the following walking distances of their school of residence:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Minimum Distances From School</u>
K - 6	1.5 Miles
7 - 8	2.5 Miles
9 - 12	3.5 Miles

Minimum distances from schools within which transportation will not be provided shall be measured by the shortest useable and reasonable route from the residence of the students to the nearest point on the boundary of the school campus.

Should the routing of a bus over a route to give the best service to the greatest number of students in a reasonable amount of time demand it, some students, depending on grade level, may be expected to walk from 1.5 miles to 3.5 miles to a bus stop. (Parents/guardians, of course, could provide transportation to and from the bus stop).

Students living within the minimum distances listed above may, at the discretion of the Superintendent or ~~his/her~~ designee, be transported home-to-school should special hazards or conditions warrant.

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules, and stops and may also arrange for local media to publish such information.

With the Governing Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for.

Summer School transportation will be provided using major pick up points.

Study Trips augmenting the curriculum are encouraged within budget limitations..

Intra- and inter-district scholastics activity buses are encouraged and transportation will be provided when available.

Booster and spectator trips may be provided on a "cost-covering", priority basis.

Student Organization Trips should be encouraged and transportation will normally be provided on a "cost-covering", priority basis. Authorized passengers shall be those for whom the bus use was requested.

Supervision by a school principal or person in charge of an attendance center or school is responsible for providing supervision of students while they are waiting for an/or immediately after alighting from a school bus.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless students in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. When the student resides outside of district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district of residence to apportion the responsibility and costs of transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine the provision, arrangement, and funding of transportation to enable foster youth to attend their school of origin when it is in the student's best interest to do so.

State References

5 CCR 15240-15244
Ed. Code 10900.5
Ed. Code 35330
Ed. Code 35350
Ed. Code 39800

Ed. Code 39800-39809.5
Ed. Code 39801.5
Ed. Code 39808
Ed. Code 39830-39843
Ed. Code 39835
Ed. Code 39837
Ed. Code 39837.5

Ed. Code 39860
Ed. Code 41850-41851.1
Ed. Code 41860-41863
Ed. Code 48853.5

Description

Allowances for student transportation; definitions
Use of school buses for community recreation
Field trips and excursions; student fees
Authority to transport pupils
Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school
Transportation; general provisions
Transportation for adults
Transportation for private school students
School buses
Use of school buses for community recreation
Transportation to summer employment program
Transportation of employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers to school activities
Transportation to school activities
Allowances for transportation
Supplementary allowances for transportation
Education of foster youth; immediate enrollment

Federal References

20 USC 1400-1482
20 USC 6312
34 CFR 104.4
34 CFR 300.17
34 CFR 300.34
42 USC 11432

Description

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
Local educational agency plan
Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
Free appropriate public education
Related services
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Management Resources

CSBA Publication

Website

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References Description

Special Education Pupil Transportation: Considerations in the Era of LCCF, governance Brief, April 2014

CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
<https://legalservices.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation- <https://www.cde.ca.gov>

Pupil Transportation Safety Institute
<https://ptsi.org>

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