

# Paso Robles Joint USD

## Administrative Regulation

### Transportation Routes And Services

AR 3541

#### Business and Noninstructional Operations

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.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

Kindergarten through 5th Grade Three-mile radius

6th Grade through 8th Grade Five-mile radius

9th Grade through 12th Grade Five-mile radius

Specifically, students shall not be required to walk across the Salinas River bridges or Highway 46.

Transportation "in lieu" payment at the IRS rate shall be provided to disabled special education students if it is stipulated in the student's IEP (Individual Education Program), and approved by the districts' Department of Instruction.

Bus routes and bus stops are established based on prior year program data. Changes, new routes, or new stops shall be established for changes in traffic conditions, new safety factors, changes in student distribution or attendance areas, new areas of development or new applications. Buses will only stop at approved established stops; no special stops will be made.

Students transported in a school vehicle shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the driver. The driver of any vehicle shall be held responsible for the enforcement of the rules for orderly conduct of the students transported. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for the student to be denied transportation. No driver shall require any student to leave the vehicle before such student has reached his/her destination. Transportation in a district vehicle or school bus is a "privilege not a right."

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation below these limits when safety problems or hazards exist.

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School)

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

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The school district may furnish transportation for all students who are residents of the district and who live beyond the maximum required walking radius to a school site or to a regular bus stop at zero cost or at a cost established by the Governing Board by Resolution. Supplemental Regulations for Parent-Pay Home-to-School Transportation are incorporated as part of this regulation.¶

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**Deleted:** number of bus stops morning and afternoon shall be minimum, contingent upon safety and protection of personal property. Special consideration shall be given to students living within the maximum walking distance to a school site when it is evident that a hazardous condition exists that would endanger the safety of children walking in the area.¶

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Whenever a school bus stops to discharge or load students who must cross the street or highway where the bus is stopped, the driver shall escort all students across the street or highway. Whenever a school bus stops to discharge or load students, the driver shall engage the flashing red stop lights, except in areas exempted by the Governing Board or the California Highway Patrol.¶

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(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

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

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1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)

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2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)

4. District employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)

5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a regional occupational center or program (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupation Center/Program)

7. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)

8. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults for educational purposes other than to and from school (Education Code 39801.5)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

9. Private school students, upon the same terms, in the same manner, and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)

10. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:

a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)

b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)

c. Transportation of government employees to and from their places of employment

(Education Code 39840)

Students who attend school outside of their school attendance area or district boundaries may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with district policy.

(cf. 5116.1- Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program or Section 504 plan. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4, 300.17, 300.34)

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(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

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. (42 USC 11432)

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(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

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. (20 USC 6312)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

#### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

10900.5 Use of school buses for community recreation

35330 Excursions and field trips

35350 Authority to transport pupils

39800-39809.5 Transportation, general provisions, especially:

39800 Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school

39801.5 Transportation for adults

39808 Transportation for private school students

39830-~~39843~~ School buses, especially:

39835 Use of school buses for community recreation

39837 Transportation to summer employment program

39837.5 Transportation of employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers to school activities

39860 Transportation to school activities

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41850-41856 Allowances for transportation

41860-41863 Supplementary allowances for transportation

48853.5 Educational placement of students residing in licensed children's institutions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15240-15244 Allowances for student transportation, definitions

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

6312 Transportation to maintain children in foster care in school of origin

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11432 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

300.17 Free appropriate public education

300.34 Special education related services

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Special Education Pupil Transportation: Considerations in the Era of LCFF, Governance Brief,

April 2014

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/js/tn/or/assignment.asp>

Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: <http://www.ptsi.org>

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