

Operational Services

Transportation

The District shall provide free transportation for any students in the District: (1) residing at a distance of one and one-half miles or more from their assigned schools, unless the School Board has certified to the ISBE that adequate public transportation is available, or (2) if adequate public transportation is not available, residing within one and one-half miles from their assigned schools where walking to or from school or to or from a pick-up point or bus stop would constitute a serious hazard due to vehicular traffic or rail crossing, and adequate public transportation is not available. A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may file a petition with the School Board requesting transportation due to the existence of a serious safety hazard due to either (a) vehicular traffic or rail crossing, or (b) a course or pattern of criminal activity as defined in the Ill. Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act, 740 ILCS 147/. Free transportation services and vehicle adaptation is provided for special education students if included in the students' individualized educational programs. Non-public school students shall be transported in accordance with State law. Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with Section 45/1-15 of the McKinney Education for Homeless Children Act. Foster care students shall be transported in accordance with Section 6312(c)(5)(B) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Bus schedules and routes shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee and shall be altered only with the Superintendent or designee's approval and direction. In fixing the routes, the pick-up and discharge points should be as safe and convenient for students as possible.

No school employee may transport students in school or private vehicles unless authorized by the administration.

Subject to Contractual Services for Student Busing:

Every vehicle regularly used for the transportation of students must pass safety inspections in accordance with State law and Illinois Department of Transportation regulations.

All contracts for charter bus services must contain the clause prescribed by State law regarding criminal background checks for bus drivers.

The strobe light on a school bus may be illuminated only when the bus is actually being used as a school bus and is stopping or stopped for loading or discharging students on a highway outside an urban area, or is bearing one or more students.

The busing company shall implement procedures in accordance with state law for accepting erratic driving reports.

Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Vehicle Inspection:

The busing company shall develop and implement a pre-trip and post-trip inspection procedure to ensure that the school bus driver:(1) test the two-way radio and ensures that it is functioning properly before the bus is operated, and (2) walks to the rear of the bus before leaving the bus at the end of a route, work shift, or workday, to check the bus for children or other passengers in the bus.

LEGAL REF.: Elementary and Secondary Education Act
42 USC §11431 et. Seq. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act
105 ILCS 5/10-22.22 and 5/29-1 et seq.
105 ILCS 45/1-15 and /1-17.
625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5, 5/1-182, 5/11-1414.1, 5/12-815, 5/12-816, 5/12-821,
and 5/13-109.
23 Ill. Admin. Code §§ 1.510a and 226.750; Part 120.
92 Ill. Admin. Code §440.3.

CROSS REF.: 4.170, 5.100, 5.120, 5:280, 6:140, 7.220

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