

## **Transportation Routes And Services**

AR 3541(a)

### **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)

Students 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:

1. For elementary school students:

Grades K-3: three-fourths mile

Grades 4-8: one mile

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, through the transportation Joint Powers Agency (JPA), 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.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

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

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

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. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:

a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)

b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)

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)

(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)

(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  
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/ls/tn/or/assignment.asp>

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