

POLICY 707 APPENDIX A— BUS TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULING AND BUS STOP ASSIGNMENT; ELIGIBILITY DISTANCES; AFTER OR BEFORE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

- I. Students Eligible for Transportation. The school district will provide transportation to all eligible students, including nonpublic school students.
 - A. For purposes of this Policy #707, the following students are eligible students.
 1. All students grades K through 12 who live farther than the eligibility distances established by Minnesota law.
 2. All students receiving special education services with Individual Education Programs (IEPs) that require transportation as a related service by the school district.
 3. Students who are homeless or highly mobile who qualify for transportation services under state and federal laws and regulations.
 4. Students in Early Childhood Special Education.
 5. All students with a Section 504 Individual Accommodation Plan that requires transportation as an accommodation.
 - B. Some students enrolled in or receiving services through the programs listed below may also be eligible students. The school transportation safety director will make the final determination as to whether an individual student in one of these programs is a student eligible for transportation services.
 1. Care and Treatment Facilities
 2. Early Childhood programs such as Be Four Students or More for Fours
 3. English Language Learner (ELL)
 4. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) based transfers
 5. Pregnant Students
 6. Title I service recipients
 7. X Track
 8. Homeless and highly mobile students in accordance with the McKinney Vento Act
 - C. The school district may provide transportation to any student living closer than the distances specified in Section A above if the school district determines that geographic conditions of the student's route to school pose a potential risk to the student. The school transportation safety director or his or her designee may consider any relevant criteria when making the determination that a student is eligible for transportation within the eligibility distances, including factors such as:
 1. Age of the student
 2. Posted and actual traffic speed
 3. Type, frequency and proximity of traffic controls
 4. Amount of traffic
 5. Availability of any controls over pedestrian walk areas
 6. Topography and visibility for drivers
- II. Regular to and from School Transportation
 - A. Transportation by school bus is a privilege and not a right. Only students and passengers authorized by school district personnel are allowed to enter a school bus.

- B. The school district will establish school bus routes and assign students to bus stops.
- C. The school district will provide transportation to and from a bus stop assigned to each student based on the student's residence or other site agreed upon by the school district and the student's parent or guardian.
 - 1. A parent or guardian may request a different or additional bus stop within the attendance area from a designated daycare facility, respite care facility, residence of a relative or other person designated by the parent or guardian as the address of the student for transportation purposes by submitting a written signed request to the school of attendance or the Enrollment Center.
 - 2. Bus stops must be consistent by being the same stop five days per week
 - 3. All requests for bus stop changes are required to be completed in writing. Forms are available on the district's transportation web site.
- D. The school district may deny transportation in accordance with the provisions of Appendix C of this Policy #707.
- E. The school district may assign a student to an alternate existing bus stop if necessary for safety or for other good cause.
- F. The school district may provide regular transportation within the eligibility distances established by Minnesota law.

III. When identifying eligibility distances for the purposes of transportation eligibility the school district uses transportation routing software with the latest Hennepin County GIS maps to determine transportation eligibility distances. The measurements are from the closest property line of the residences taking the most direct route to school to the closest property line of the eligible school. The district's transportation routing software will serve as final determination of distances.

- IV. After or Before School Transportation. The school district may provide before or after school transportation to students in the following programs.
- A. Targeted Services
 - B. Programs for students who are homeless or highly mobile
 - C. Elementary Activities
 - D. Middle School Activities
 - E. Senior High Activities
 - F. High School Credit Recovery Programs

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Cross Reference

Policy 442 – Travel
Policy 506 – Student Discipline
Policy 515 – Protection and Privacy of Student Records
Policy 550 – Suspension
Policy 551 – Exclusion and Expulsion
Policy 608 – Instructional Services – Special Education
Policy 921 – Non-Use of Tobacco on School Premises
Policy 922 – Non-Use of Chemicals on School Premises

Legal Reference

M.S. 123B.88 Independent School Districts; Transportation
M.S. 123B.90 School Bus Safety Training
M.S. 123B.91 School District Bus Safety Responsibilities
M.S. 169.443 Safety of School Children; Bus Driver’s Duties
M.S. 169.446 Safety of School Children; Training and Education Rules
M.S. 169.451 Inspecting School and Head Start Buses; Rules; Misdemeanor
M.S. 169.454 Type III Vehicle Standards
M.S. 169.458 Reportable Offense on School Bus
M.S. 169A.31 Alcohol-Related School Bus or Head Start Bus Driving

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