

Transportation

The Board’s primary concern in providing transportation services to students is the safety and protection of the health of students.

The District shall provide transportation to and from school for a student who:

1. resides at least one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from the nearest appropriate school (determined by the nearest and best route from the junction of the driveway of the student’s home¹ and the nearest public road to the nearest door of the school the student attends or to a central bus unloading area, whichever the case may be); or
2. is a student with a disability, whose IEP identifies transportation as a related service; or
3. in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services, including the age or health or safety of the student.

The type of transportation provided by the District may be a school bus or by such transportation as paying the parent or guardian for individually transporting the student. The Board of Trustees may pay board and room reimbursements to a parent when a student resides within a non-transportation area (an area of a school district designated by the Board of Trustees as impractical, by reason of sparsity of students, remoteness or condition of roads) but is otherwise eligible for transportation and cannot be transported in any authorized manner.

The Board of Trustees may authorize children not attending School District #291 schools to ride a school bus provided that space is available and a fee to cover the per-seat cost for such transportation is collected. Such fee shall be determined by using the cost per mile (using reimbursement cap matrix), divided by the average number of students riding that bus, multiplied by the number of miles from the child’s bus stop to the school unloading zone. No new routes or altered routes may be added to the existing bus routes to accommodate non District #291 school riders. In no case will the bus pick up or drop off students at non District #291 schools.

Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and state law.

Cross Reference:	8110	Safety Busing
	8120	Bus Routes, Stops and Non-Transportation Zones
Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-1501	Transportation Authorized
	I.C. § 33-1503	Payments when transportation not furnished
	IDAPA 08.02.03.109	Special Education
	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110)	

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¹ A day care center, family day care home, or a group day care facility may substitute for the student’s residence for student transportation to and from school.