

P7300 TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

BOARD POLICY:

Transportation services for students will be provided for a variety of reasons. The Board of Education shall contract for student transportation services.

Administrative Implemental Procedures:

1. Students will be transported for any or all of the following reasons:
 - a. Distance (see below)
 - b. Integration
 - c. Participation in educational programs (see BOE Policy 7303 – *Transportation of Special Education Students*)
 - d. Safety (see BOE Policy 7330 - *Provision of Transportation Service Because of Hazardous Traveling Conditions*)
2. USD 259 is not obligated to provide transportation services as a result of a request for special assignment.
3. Provision of transportation services for one purpose may serve another purpose. For example, students assigned and transported to schools with special programs may contribute to the integration of the receiving school.
4. Transportation shall be provided for students who reside at least two and one-half miles from school. However, students who have received a special assignment are subject to the provisions of BOE Policy 5511 – *Special Assignment of Students*.
5. Transportation may be furnished at other times when approved by the Board of Education.
6. Students who ride buses shall be governed by the rules and regulations outlined by the local and/or state departments of student transportation.
7. Routes and time schedules shall be prepared by the Student Transportation Services Department of USD 259. All routes shall be planned in such a manner as to provide the safest walking route for students to and from their bus stop. All routes are subject to change. Distances to stops will be regulated as follows:
 - a. Students to be picked up and/or delivered to their address: Special education students other than those assigned to "regular" transportation, and kindergarten students picked up or delivered at noon only.
 - b. Students to be picked up "at the corner:" Head Start and Assigned Attendance Area.
 - c. Students to be picked up and delivered at a stop not to exceed two blocks from their residence: Elementary students.
 - d. On or before May 1 each school year, the Superintendent will recommend to the Board the maximum distances to bus stops for elementary alternative education students for the upcoming year. These stop distance recommendations will be planned dependent upon the projected availability of vehicles during hours for said schools.
 - e. Students to be picked up and delivered at a stop not to exceed four blocks from their residence: Secondary students.
8. Seating capacity of buses used by USD 259 shall be limited by state law to 65 students. The Supervisor of Student Transportation Services shall prescribe limits below 65 students.
9. USD 259 will be eligible for reimbursement by the State of Kansas for students who reside at

least two and one-half miles from the public school to which they are assigned.

10. Non-reimbursable students may be permitted to ride USD 259 school buses under the conditions set forth in Board Policy 7320 – *Transporting Non-reimbursable Students*.

Administrative Responsibility: Operations Division - Transportation Services

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