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BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS
Student Transportation Management
TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

PURPOSE: To describe the coordination of special education transportation with home-to-school transportation and set forth criteria for meeting the transportation needs of special education students.

The Board desires to meet the transportation needs of students with disabilities to enable them to benefit from special education and related services. The District shall provide appropriate transportation services for a student with disabilities when the District is the student's district of residence and the transportation services are required by his/her individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 accommodation plan.

The specific needs of the student shall be the primary consideration when an IEP team is determining the student's transportation needs. Considerations may include, but are not limited to, the student's health needs, travel distances, physical accessibility and safety of streets and sidewalks, accessibility of public transportation systems, midday or other transportation needs, extended-year services, and, as necessary, implementation of a behavioral intervention plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide, if necessary, IEP teams with information about District transportation services to assist them in making decisions as to the mode, schedule, and location of transportation services that may be available to each student with disabilities. The IEP team may communicate, as needed, with District transportation staff.

Transportation services specified in a student's IEP or Section 504 plan shall be provided at no cost to the student or his/her parent/guardian.

If a student whose IEP or accommodation plan specifies transportation needs is excluded from school bus transportation for any reason, such as suspension, expulsion, or other reason, the District shall provide alternative transportation at no cost to the student or parent/guardian. (Education Code 48915.5)

When contracting with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency to provide special education services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the contract includes general administrative and financial agreements related to the provision of transportation services if specified in the student's IEP. (Education Code 56366)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any mobile seating devices used on District buses are compatible with bus securement systems required by 49 CFR 571.222. (Education Code 56195.8)

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As necessary, a student with disabilities may be accompanied on school transportation by a service animal, as defined in 28 CFR 35.104, including a specially trained guide dog, signal dog, or service dog. (Education Code 39839; Civil Code 54.1-54.2; 28 CFR 35.136)

When transportation is not specifically required by the IEP or Section 504 plan of a student with disabilities, the student shall be subject to the rules and policies regarding regular transportation offerings within the District.

It is necessary that drivers be especially courteous and helpful to those who need extra attention due to a physical or mental handicap. A driver shall never leave special education students unattended in a bus.

"In Lieu Of" Transportation

For those students meeting the ridership eligibility criteria, transportation may be provided by private carrier or the parent whenever such practices are determined by the District to be more economical or convenient than using District-owned vehicles.

Parents may be reimbursed for a portion of the transportation costs of eligible students based upon a one-way trip to school or to an existing bus stop.

The rate of reimbursement will be paid at the approved District mileage rate as specified in Board policy. To receive payment for approved "In Lieu Of" transportation, parents must complete and submit in triplicate to the Superintendent or designee, a mileage certification form. Forms and instructions may be obtained from the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. The final determination for "In Lieu Of" transportation service reimbursements is at the sole discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

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EDUCATION CODE
39807.5 Payment of transportation cost
39839 Guide dogs, signal dogs, and service dogs on bus
41850-41854 Allowances for transportation
48300-48315 Alternative interdistrict attendance program
48915.5 Expulsion of students with exceptional needs
56040 No cost for special education and related services
56195.8 Adoption of policies
56327 Assessment for special education and related services
56345 Individualized education program
56365-56366.1 Nonpublic nonsectarian schools or agencies

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CIVIL CODE
54.1-54.2 Service animals

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
15243 Physically handicapped minors
15271 Exclusion from report

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.104 Definitions
35.136 Service animals

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
104.4 Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:
300.34 Transportation defined as related service

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49
571.222 Federal requirements for bus securement systems

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