



POLICY 2.23

4-A I recommend that the Board adopt the proposed revised Policy 2.23, entitled "Student Transportation."

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Adoption

CONSENT ITEM

- The Board approved development of this revised Policy at the development reading on May 6, 2009.
- This policy clarifies the distance from which transportation will be provided. Students living within the 2 mile limit will be provided transportation under the following circumstances:
 - hazardous walking conditions as provided in §1006.23, Florida Statutes
 - students are classified as students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and transportation services are required by the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP)
 - students have been identified as having a disability within the meaning of Section 504 and transportation services are provided as an accommodation pursuant to the student's 504 Plan
 - pregnant students or student parents, and children of such students, participating in a teenage parent program pursuant to § 1003.54, Florida Statutes
- This revision provides guidelines for reimbursement when it is impracticable to provide bus transportation for reasons of isolation from regular school bus routes to the school of assignment.
- This revision also updates statutory references.

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STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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- 3 1. Purpose. -- The purpose of this policy is to establish a process by which
4 transportation services for students are provided in accordance with Florida laws,
5 State Board of Education Rules and School Board policies.
- 6 2. Scope. -- This policy applies to all eligible District students and to all District
7 employees administering and/or coordinating student transportation services.
- 8 3. Policy Statement. -- The School District will operate its student transportation
9 system in accordance with Florida laws and State Board of Education Rules.
10 Transportation will be provided for to and from District schools for all District
11 students living two or more miles from a school, or one and one-half (1½) miles
12 between the student's home and the assigned bus stop, as provided by §1006.21,
13 Florida Statutes, and State Board of Education Rule 6A3.001, F.A.C., as now or
14 hereafter amended Florida statutes and state board of education regulations. The
15 distance is to be measured from the closest pedestrian entry point of the property
16 where the student resides (i.e. where private property meets the public right-of-
17 way) to the closest pedestrian entry point of the assigned school building or to the
18 assigned bus stop by the most direct route from the residence of the pupil to the
19 school . Where hazardous routes exist within two miles of the school, the
20 superintendent may authorize transportation.
- 21 a. Exceptions. Students residing within two (2) miles of school may be provided
22 with transportation under the following circumstances:
 - 23 i. Special authorization is granted by the Superintendent or designee and
24 may include students who meet the hazardous walking conditions as
25 provided in §1006.23, Florida Statutes, as now or hereafter amended.
 - 26 ii. The students are classified as students with disabilities under the
27 Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and transportation services are
28 required by the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).
 - 29 iii. The students have been identified as having a disability within the
30 meaning of Section 504 and transportation services are provided as an
31 accommodation pursuant to the student's 504 Plan.
 - 32 iv. Pregnant students or student parents, and children of such students,
33 participating in a teenage parent program pursuant to § 1003.54, Florida
34 Statutes.
- 35 4. Transportation of Isolated Students. -- When it is impracticable to provide bus

36 transportation for reasons of isolation from regular school bus routes to the school
37 of assignment, a parent as defined by Florida Statutes, aide, or other person
38 transporting the student may be authorized by the School Board to be reimbursed
39 at the rate provided by law. The parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student who is
40 eligible for transportation and resides beyond the accessibility of a school bus may
41 be reimbursed by the School Board for the use of a private vehicle to transport a
42 student. Such an arrangement will be on a contractual basis.

43 5. Exiting the School Bus. -- No student shall leave the school bus while being
44 transported to and from the assigned bus stop and school site, except upon written
45 request of the parent or legal guardian and written approval of the school principal
46 or designee.

47 6. Students Conduct. -- Students are expected to comply with the behavioral
48 expectations as stated in School Board Policy 5.186 (Student Transportation
49 Conduct) while they are passengers in District vehicles.

50 7. Responsibilities of School Officials. -- The Superintendent, Director of
51 Transportation, School Principals, and school bus operators shall have such
52 responsibilities related to student transportation as outlined in State Board of
53 Education Rules, as now or hereafter amended.

54 8. Transportation Records and Reports. -- The Superintendent or his designee
55 shall maintain records and make required reports regarding school transportation
56 as prescribed by law, rules, or policy. Such records shall be properly completed
57 and furnished on the date due to those designated to receive them.

58 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, ~~230.22~~

59 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ 1000.21, 1006.21, 1006.22, 1006.23 ~~230.23(8),~~
60 ~~234.01, 234.021~~

61 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE(S): 6A-3.001, 6A-3.0171. F.A.C.

62 HISTORY: 2/18/72; 7/21/82; / 2009

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 2.23 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.

Attorney

Date