

### 8600 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to supervise development of bus routes to provide safe, economical, and reasonably expeditious transportation for:

1. Pupils who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;
2. Educationally handicapped pupils in accordance with their IEP;
3. Pupils participating in Board-approved extra-curricular activities or field trips;
4. Pupils whose route to the school is deemed hazardous by the Board; and
5. Other pupils as required by law.

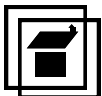
The criteria to be used in designing routes and assigning pupils to them shall include:

1. The distance to be traveled to and from school;
2. The age and state of health of the child;
3. The requirements of the instructional program; and
4. The hazards involved on the route to be traveled.

In the interest of student safety, the Board of Education, as a rule, will not establish bus routes requiring school vehicles to reverse, make “U” or “K” turns, or enter cul-de-sacs.

The Board may charge parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for transporting pupils who live within statutory limits. The charge shall include, but not be limited to the cost of fuel, driver salaries and insurance.

Transportation to and from school shall be provided as required by law to eligible non-public school pupils and to pupils attending charter schools. All pupils riding on district buses shall be required to observe the district's bus conduct regulations or risk loss of the privilege of such transportation.



Buses, whether contracted or district-owned, shall be kept in optimum condition and shall conform to all State safety regulations.

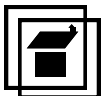
Bus routes must be acted upon by the Board and submitted to the County office.

The school bus driver shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are transported to or from school. When student conduct requires stringent discipline, the driver shall report it to the building principal. A student may be suspended from bus transportation by the principal for disciplinary reasons, in which the parents are responsible for the student's transportation. In the event of property damage to school vehicles, parents may be responsible for financial restitution.

### Courtesy Transportation Along Hazardous Routes

The Tabernacle Board of Education is concerned with the safety of pupils who walk to and from school along roadways determined to be hazardous routes. The Superintendent shall work in conjunction with municipal officials to determine the criteria necessary for the classification of a hazardous route and shall maintain a list of all hazardous routes in the district. The Superintendent shall develop rules and regulations to supply courtesy transportation for pupils who must walk to and from school along routes designated by the Tabernacle Township School District to be hazardous routes. The criteria used to determine hazardous routes may include but shall not be limited to the following:

1. Population density;
2. Traffic volume;
3. Average vehicle velocity;
4. Existence or absence of sufficient sidewalk space;



5. Roads and highways that are winding or have blind curves;
6. Roads or highways with steep inclines and declines;
7. Drop-offs that are close proximity to a sidewalk;
8. Bridges or overpasses that must be crossed to reach the school;
9. Train tracks or trestles that must be crossed to reach the school; and
10. Busy roads and highways that must be crossed to reach the school.

Pupils who would otherwise be required to walk to and from school along routes designated as hazardous shall be included in the calculation of the district's regular vehicle capacity utilization.

### Transportation Requests

The Board of Education shall provide busing to and from school to the established bus stop serving the area that the student resides. Students are never permitted to ride a bus other than the one to which they are assigned. Parents may request a change in the bus assignment for the purpose of childcare. Transportation to/from a childcare provider within the district may be provided. Transportation requests must be made according to Regulation 8600: Pupil Transportation.

Multiple requests for changes to a student's bus assignment will not be granted. All requests for changes to a student's transportation require processing time. The request must be intended to remain in effect for the duration of the school year.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 27:15-16

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.; 6A:27-3.1

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