

## Transportation of Students with Special Needs:



Students with disabilities assigned to a school in their attendance area will be provided transportation in accordance with the provisions as outlined in Transportation Policies – Regular Students unless special transportation requirements are requested and approved by District Student Services. This includes defining transportation as a related service as part of the individual Education Plan. Student Services will advise the Transportation Department of specific transportation requirements.

This could include pick up and drop off of students at home. Transportation will not make special transportation arrangements without direction from Student Services for review and approval.

Students with disabilities assigned to a school outside their attendance area or those students whose unique needs who require transportation regardless of school of assignment will be transported with the following provisions:

1. METHODS: Transportation of students with disabilities shall include these options, exercised in the following sequence.
  - a. a scheduled school bus;
  - b. contracted transportation, including public transportation; and
  - c. other transportation arrangements, including that provided by parents
2. STUDENT WELFARE: Transportation of students with disabilities shall be in accordance with the rules of the Superintendent of Public Instruction governing public school district transportation.
3. BUS AIDES AND DRIVERS: The employment, training, and supervision of bus aides and drivers shall be the responsibility of the school district.
4. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: All special equipment which may include lifts, wheelchair holders, restraints, and two-way radios shall comply with specifications for school buses as now or hereafter established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
5. TIME ON BUS: Wherever reasonably possible, no student shall be required to ride more than sixty (60) minutes one way.