

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The transportation policy of the District authorizes transportation of resident students to and from the school of assignment for public school students, or school of attendance for nonpublic school students, if the student qualifies according to the categories listed below.

1. Students enrolled in kindergarten through second grade are provided transportation in cases as the Board deems advisable when the safety and welfare of the students warrant such action.
2. Students enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade are provided transportation, provided students live one mile or more from their school of assignment or attendance, subject to limitation.
3. Students enrolled in grades seven and eight who live two miles or more from their school of attendance shall be provided transportation.
4. No student shall be eligible for transportation to his/her school of attendance who is not within a 30-minute (one way) normal bus driving period.

Free bus transportation shall be provided to all primary students living more than one mile from school measured by the most usable route from home to school. Free bus transportation shall be available for all students who have been identified as handicapped residing within the District. Where hazardous conditions warrant, transportation may be furnished for shorter distances than specified above, with the approval of the Superintendent.

RTA identification cards are made available to students who attend the senior high and middle schools and reside more than two miles from their assigned buildings. The RTA identification cards permit students to use public transportation at reduced rates established by the Regional Transportation Authority.

Nonpublic resident students who are not provided transportation by the East Cleveland City Schools are eligible to make applications for the following:

1. RTA identification card
2. cash reimbursement payment made in July

Applications are made available to parents of students who reside in the District during the month of September, provided the following criteria are met:

1. students in grades K-6 - one mile or more from school;
2. students in grades 7-8 - two miles or more from school;
- 3, students in grades 9-12 - three miles or more from school and
4. the school must be within 30 minutes travel time by school bus from residence.

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The transportation policies of the Board are aimed at providing a safe, efficient and economical method of getting students to and from school. It is the desire of the Board that the transportation schedule serve the best interests of all students.

In addition to that required by law, the Board provides school bus transportation to all elementary and secondary school students to the extent determined by the administration and approved by the Board. This may vary because of safety conditions that prevail in certain areas of the District. All regulations governing student transportation are in accordance with the "Ohio School Bus Operation Regulations" issued by the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Department of Highway Safety and as required by Ohio law.

The District operates its own fleet of school buses. If it is impractical to transport certain students by regular bus, they may be transported by other means.

The transportation program is under the direction of the Transportation Supervisor who is responsible to the Superintendent.

Private School Transportation

The District provides transportation for students who attend private schools in compliance with Ohio law. The Board has the authority to make payment to the parents of such students in lieu of transportation.

Responsibilities of the Parents:

1. to ensure that the student is ready five minutes before the time at which the vehicle is to arrive, is waiting at the door and enters the vehicle immediately;
2. to be aware that the vehicle will not wait more than two minutes for any student who is not ready to board the vehicle at the designated time;
3. to notify the Supervisor of Administrative Services if a student will be absent for more than three consecutive days;
4. to ensure that steps and pathways on parents' property are cleared of snow and ice;
5. to encourage their child to exhibit good conduct while riding the vehicle; to assist their child in developing better discipline if needed;
6. to be sure that their child is knowledgeable of the school bus procedures and
7. to contact the Supervisor of Administrative Services if there are any questions, concerns or problems.