

TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education shall provide for the public schools an appropriate transportation system, within guidelines set forth in this policy, which will enable all qualified children of school age to be transported to schools as required. School bus transportation is for students only. The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for the school transportation system and shall develop and administer it in order to:

- A. Provide for the safety of all students.
- B. Supplement and reinforce desirable student behavior.
- C. Assist handicapped students.

The transportation system shall be planned and operated in compliance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and all pertinent regulations of the State Departments of Education and Motor Vehicles.

Transportation by private carrier or through district buses shall be provided at the discretion of the Board of Education. Parents may be reimbursed for transportation of eligible students, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, whenever such practice is more economical or convenient.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools or designee to manage and supervise the school transportation service and, in connection therewith, to do the following:

- A. Determine eligibility for school transportation in accordance with these guidelines and C.G.S. § 10-186.
- B. Establish school transportation routes and designate locations for pick-up points (bus stops). The Superintendent of Schools shall direct the establishment of bus routes to provide the safest, shortest routes as economically as possible. Routes shall equalize, as nearly as possible, the length of routes and bus loads as close to bus capacity as possible.
- C. Develop, circulate and enforce codes of behavior for those students who are transported to and from school via school buses.
- D. Develop procedures for responding to requests pertaining to matters of school transportation or other school accommodations.

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- E. Perform all other duties and responsibilities related to the furnishing of school accommodations by school transportation or otherwise in a manner consistent with C.G.S. § 10-186 or these guidelines.

Legal Reference: Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-76d Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services. State agency placements; apportionment of costs. Relationship of insurance to special education costs.
Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-97 Transportation to vocational schools.
Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board.
Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-187 Appeal from finding of hearing board.
Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-220 Duties of boards of education.
Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-221c Development of policy for reporting complaints re school transportation safety. Reporting of accidents at school bus stops.
Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-220c Transportation of children over private roads. Immunity from liability.
Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-273a et seq. Reimbursement for transportation to and from elementary and secondary schools.
Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-280a Transportation for pupils in non-profit private schools outside school district.
Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-281 Transportation for pupils in non-profit private schools within school district.
Chapter 248 Vehicle Highway Use
(cf. 3610 Routes and Services)
(cf. 3626 Reporting Complaints on... Transportation Safety & Reporting accidents at bus stops)

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