

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

It is the intent of the Board of Education to comply with the letter and spirit of the New York State Education Law; with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and of the Department of Transportation and with the Commissioner of Education's regulations and decisions pertinent to student transportation, and these shall govern any questions not covered by specific declaration of policy herein.

The purposes of the transportation program are to transport students to and from school, to transport them for extracurricular activities, to transport them on field trips, and to transport those requiring special services.

The Board of Education recognizes and assumes the responsibility for all aspects of the transportation of children wherein the health and safety of students are involved, for the Board of Education has a legal obligation to safeguard the welfare of bus-riding children. This implies that the Board is responsible for the safety of children transported and further implies that in no way shall education suffer as a result of transportation or lack of it. The responsibility for administering the transportation program in the District shall rest with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall be responsible for establishing rules and regulations relating to student transportation.

**Students Eligible for Transportation**

The District will provide transportation to the following students:

- a) All UPK – Grade 4 students.
- b) Grades 5 through 12 living more than 1 mile.

It is the intention of the District to transport all eligible students to their homes wherever applicable. Same-day bus or pickup changes must be requested by 11:00 a.m., without exception, in order to be processed by dismissal time.

Education Law Sections 3602(7) and 3635 et seq.