



## Transportation Policy Adopted:9/9/2024

The Governing Board desires to provide for the safe and efficient transportation of students to and from school as necessary to ensure student access to the educational program, promote regular attendance, and reduce tardiness. In determining the extent to which the School will provide transportation services, the Board shall weigh student and community needs against the cost of providing such services.

The Executive Director or designee shall recommend to the Board economical, environmentally sustainable, and appropriate means of providing transportation services. The School's transportation services may be provided by means of a joint powers agreement, a cooperative student transportation program, or a consortium, as permitted by law.

No student shall be required to be transported for any reason without the written permission of the student's parent/guardian, except in emergency situations involving illness or injury to the student pursuant to Education Code 35350 or the evacuation of students as necessary for their safety.

### **Transportation Plan**

The Executive Director or designee shall develop a transportation plan in consultation with classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional local transit authorities, local air pollution control Schools and air quality management Schools, parents/guardians, students, and other stakeholders. (Education Code 39800.1)

The transportation plan shall be presented to and adopted by the Board at an open meeting, with the opportunity for in-person and remote public comment, and shall be updated annually by April 1. (Education Code 39800.1)

The transportation plan shall include descriptions of the following: (Education Code 39800.1)

1. The transportation services offered to students
2. How transportation services will be prioritized for low-income students, students in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive
3. The transportation services accessible to students with disabilities and homeless children and youth, as defined pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11301)
4. How unduplicated students, as defined in Education Code 42238.02, will be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost

### **Transportation Contracts**

The Board may purchase, rent, or lease vehicles; contract with a common carrier or municipally owned transit system; contract with responsible private parties including the parent/guardian of the student being transported; and/or contract with the County Executive Director of Schools. (Education Code 35330, 39800, 39801)

In contracting for transportation services, the School shall comply with all applicable laws related to bids and contracts. (Education Code 39802-39803)

**Expenses and Fees**

The Board may charge a transportation fee to parents/guardians of transported students in accordance with Education Code 39807.5 - Transportation Fees.

**Safety and Monitoring**

The Executive Director or designee shall develop procedures to promote safety for students traveling on school buses.

The School may install a global positioning system (GPS) on school buses and/or student activity buses in order to enhance student safety and provide real-time location data to School and school administrators, and parents/guardians.

The Executive Director or designee shall ensure the qualifications of bus drivers and related staff employed by the School, provide for the maintenance and operation of School-owned school buses and other equipment, and ensure adequate facilities for equipment storage and maintenance.

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