

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The School District of West Salem shall provide transportation for students residing within district boundaries in accordance with state laws and regulations and Board policies and procedures.

1. All students living two or more miles from the school that they are required to attend shall be transported. The two-mile distance shall be measured from door-to-door by the traveled route.
2. Students living less than two miles from the school that they are required to attend shall be transported, if they live in an area designated by the state as subject to an "unusual hazard while walking to school. Students in grades seven through 12 may, however, be required to walk an "unusual hazard" area if such distance does not exceed 1/2 mile.
3. Transportation shall be provided to exceptional education needs (EEN) students in accordance with their IEP.
4. The Board may authorize transportation for temporarily impaired students who are under a physician's care and who cannot make other satisfactory arrangements to get to school upon receipt of a note from the child's physician.
5. Pursuant to state law, transportation shall be provided to students attending private schools on the same basis as set forth above for students attending public schools.

Responsibility for the daily operation, enforcement and administration of the student transportation system shall be delegated from the Board through the superintendent to the building principals /and the transportation director.

The transportation director shall act as liaison between administrative staff and citizens of the district in resolving transportation problems that might arise in the implementation of the district's transportation policies. The transportation director shall be responsible for ensuring that vehicles and drivers used in transporting students follow state, federal and Board policies and regulations and that all vehicles are well maintained.

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Parents/guardians shall be responsible for students until the students actually board the bus for school and after they get off the bus on a return trip. The principal of each school shall have overall responsibility for the safety and discipline of students from the time that the students are on board the bus until they leave the bus for home. Responsibility for the safety and discipline of students shall be delegated to the transportation director and subsequently to the bus driver when students are in transit, except when students are accompanied by an instructional employee or authorized supervisor. In such cases, the employee or supervisor shall be in charge of student safety and discipline.

The building principal shall also be responsible for such other areas as outlined in Board policy.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.76(3) Wisconsin Statutes
121.51 - 121.56

CROSS REF.: 751-Rule, Student Transportation Guidelines
443.2, Student Conduct on School Buses
751.1, Bus Routing and Scheduling
751.2, Bus Safety Program

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