

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Transportation

General

The Orange 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 to:

- A. Provide maximum safety of students.
- B. Supplement and reinforce desirable student behavior patterns.
- C. Assist handicapped students appropriately.
- D. Enrich the instructional program through carefully planned field trips recommended by the staff.

The transportation system shall be planned and operated in compliance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and all regulations of the State Department of Education and the State Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the operation of school buses and motor vehicles.

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

Duties of the Superintendent

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her 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 Section [10-186](#) of the General Statutes and in compliance with applicable portions of the No Child Left Behind Act pertaining to homeless students and school choice.
- B. Establish school transportation routes and designate locations for pick-up points (bus stops). The Superintendent 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 and shall provide student transportation to and from schools within prescribed time limits. Generally, bus routes shall begin no earlier than 45 minutes before school opens and students shall not be in transit from school more than 45 minutes.

C. Develop, circulate and enforce codes of behavior for those children who are transported to and from school via school transportation.

D. Develop procedures for responding to requests pertaining to matters of school transportation or other school accommodations.

E. Give due consideration to requests for extension of school transportation service.

F. Perform all other duties and responsibilities related to the furnishing of school accommodations by school transportation or otherwise in a manner consistent with Section [10-186](#) of the Connecticut General Statutes or these guidelines.

(cf. [3541.3](#) Routes and Services)

(cf. [3541.35](#) Safety Complaints Records and Reports)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[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.

[10-97](#) Transportation to vocational schools.

[10-186](#) Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board.

Connecticut General Statutes

[10-187](#) Appeal from finding of hearing board.

[10-220](#) Duties of boards of education.

[10-221](#) Development of policy for reporting complaints re school transportation safety. Reporting of accidents at school bus stops.

[10-220c](#) Transportation of children over private roads. Immunity from liability.

[10-273a et seq.](#) Reimbursement for transportation to and from elementary and secondary schools.

[10-280a](#) Transportation for students in non-profit private schools outside school district.

[10-281](#) Transportation for students in non-profit private schools within school district.

Chapter 248 Vehicle Highway Use

20 U.S.C. NCLB Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title I, Section 1116

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, 42 U.S.C., Sections 11431-11435

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