

## **AUXILIARY SERVICES - Series 700**

### **702 Transportation**

#### **702.2 Eligibility for Bus Service**

Elementary students living more than two miles and high school students living more than three miles from a designated attendance center will be furnished transportation if bus conduct is satisfactory.

The Board in their discretion may provide transportation for some or all resident pupils attending public school or pupils who attend nonpublic schools who are not entitled to transportation. The Board in their discretion may collect from the parent or guardian of the pupil not more than the pro rata cost of such optional transportation determined as outlined in the Code of Iowa.

Students may be required to meet a school bus on an approved route a distance of not to exceed three-fourths of a mile except during emergency/limited routes.

Distance to school or to a bus route shall be measured on the public highway only and over the most passable and safest route starting in the roadway opposite the private entrance of the residence of the pupil and ending in the roadway opposite the entrance to the school grounds or designated point of his/her route. In some situations, conditions of safety could supersede.

The point of pick-up and drop for all students shall be determined by the Superintendent of Schools or his designee.

A student's right to be transported on the public school bus may be denied if the student's conduct is unacceptable to the bus driver and administration.

Special requests for transportation not covered in this policy would be considered separately.

The Board will not approve an open enrollment student's request to allow the receiving district to enter the school district for the purpose of transportation nor approve transportation into the sending district. The Board may approve transportation from a point on a current bus route for students who are open enrolling into the district. Such approval will be based on the number of pupils to be transported, the safety of transporting the students from a particular point on a current bus route and other factors the Board, in its discretion, deems relevant.

In emergency situations, the Board authorizes the sending of a bus into a resident district of an open enrollment student if leaving the student at the designed drop-off in the receiving district is not deemed to be in the best interest of the student. Such

situations include, but are not limited to, early dismissals because of inclement weather or to the failure by the person responsible for the student to meet the bus at the designated stop. The bus driver may elect to return the student to the school building.

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Iowa Administrative Code 22.1 (1) through (6).

Cross Refs, 702 and all subcodes (all pertain to transportation).

Note: For the purpose of determining the distance a student must live from his designated school before he or she is entitled to transportation, "high school", means a school which commences with either grade 9 or grade 10, as designated by the Board of Education under their policy organizing the schools' instructional pattern.