



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Services

It is the policy of the Peninsula School District to provide students the privilege of district transportation in accordance with state laws and regulations. The district may provide transportation to and from school for a student:

- A. Whose residence is beyond the one-mile radius from the school to which the student is assigned;
- B. Whose walking route to school is hazardous;
- C. Whose disability prevents him/her from walking or providing for his/her own welfare while walking; or
- D. Who has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services.

Transportation services of the district may include approved bus routes, district-approved field trips, participants in school activities, and approved rooters bus for extracurricular activities.

The district shall apply for state transportation apportionment funds and shall maintain the records required obtaining such funding.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide an annual transportation report to the Board.

Routes and Schedules

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for scheduling bus transportation, including the determination of routes and bus stops and overseeing the transportation program.

Emergency Routes and Schedules

The district shall develop emergency bus routes and schedules to be used when weather conditions make the usual routes impassable or, in the Superintendent's judgment, too hazardous. At the beginning of the school year, copies of emergency routes and schedules shall be distributed to parents with instructions on how to obtain emergency information.

Exceptions

A parent or guardian of a student whose assigned bus stop is beyond maximum walking distance may be eligible to receive reimbursement for private transportation at the state mileage reimbursement rate.

The Board of directors may authorize children attending an approved private school to ride a school bus provided that the bus route and stops are not altered, space is available, and a fee to cover the per seat cost for such transportation is collected.

The Superintendent is authorized to permit a parent of a student enrolled in school to ride a bus when excess seating is available and private or other public transportation is not reasonably available.

The Board may authorize the use of a district-owned passenger car in lieu of a bus for transporting students to and from school.

If roads are closed to buses but not to private vehicles, the district may continue to operate the instructional programs of the schools without providing bus transportation until the roads are again open to buses.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.160	Student Transportation Allocation- Definitions
RCW 28A.160.010	Operation of Student Transportation program-Responsibility of Local District-Scope-Transportation of elderly-Insurance
RCW 28A.160.020	Authorization for private school students to ride buses--Conditions
RCW 28A.160.030	Authorizing individual transportation or other arrangements
WAC 392-141	Transportation State Allocations for operations
WAC 392-172-035	Definitions of "free appropriate, public education," "adult student," "handicapped student," "parent," and "school district"
WAC 392-172-204	Transportation (Handicapped)

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