

**Regulation 3541: Transportation Routes And Services**

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The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses, and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For elementary school students:  
Grades K-3: three-fourths mile  
Grades 4-8: one mile
2. For students attending a three-year junior high school:  
Grades 7-9: one mile
3. For students attending a four-year high school:  
Grades 9-12: two miles

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation below these limits when safety problems or hazards exist.

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules, and stops. He/she may also arrange for local media to publish such information.

With the Governing Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)
2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)
3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)
4. District employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)
5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)
6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a regional occupational center or program (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)
7. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)

8. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults for educational purposes other than to and from school (Education Code 39801.5)
9. Private school students, upon the same terms, in the same manner, and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)
10. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:
  - a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)
  - b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)
  - c. Transportation of government employees to and from their places of employment (Education Code 39840)

Students who attend school outside of their school attendance area or district boundaries may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with district policy.

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program or Section 504 plan. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4, 300.17, 300.34)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless students in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. When the student resides outside of district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district of residence to apportion the responsibility and costs of transportation. (42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine the provision, arrangement, and funding of transportation to enable foster youth to attend their school of origin when it is in the student's best interest to do so. (20 USC 6312)

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**Policy Reference Disclaimer:**

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 15240-15244	Allowances for student transportation; definitions
Ed. Code 10900.5	<a href="#">Use of school buses for community recreation</a>
Ed. Code 35330	<a href="#">Field trips and excursions; student fees</a>
Ed. Code 35350	<a href="#">Authority to transport pupils</a>
Ed. Code 39800	<a href="#">Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school</a>
Ed. Code 39800-39809.5	<a href="#">Transportation; general provisions</a>
Ed. Code 39801.5	<a href="#">Transportation for adults</a>
Ed. Code 39808	<a href="#">Transportation for private school students</a>
Ed. Code 39830-39843	<a href="#">School buses</a>

Ed. Code 39835	<a href="#">Use of school buses for community recreation</a>
Ed. Code 39837	<a href="#">Transportation to summer employment program</a>
Ed. Code 39837.5	<a href="#">Transportation of employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers to school activities</a>
Ed. Code 39860	<a href="#">Transportation to school activities</a>
Ed. Code 41850-41851.1	<a href="#">Allowances for transportation</a>
Ed. Code 41860-41863	Supplementary allowances for transportation
Ed. Code 48853.5	<a href="#">Education of foster youth; immediate enrollment</a>

### **Federal**

20 USC 1400-1482	<b>Description</b> Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
20 USC 6312	Local educational agency plan
34 CFR 104.4	Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
34 CFR 300.17	Free appropriate public education
34 CFR 300.34	Related services
42 USC 11432	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

### **Management Resources**

CSBA Publication	<b>Description</b> Special Education Pupil Transportation: Considerations in the Era of LCFF, Governance Brief, April 2014
Website	<a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation</a>
Website	<a href="#">Pupil Transportation Safety Institute</a>

### **Cross References**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
1112	<a href="#">Media Relations</a>
3250	<a href="#">Transportation Fees</a>
3250	<a href="#">Transportation Fees</a>
3510	<a href="#">Green School Operations</a>
3514	<a href="#">Environmental Safety</a>
3514	<a href="#">Environmental Safety</a>
3540	<a href="#">Transportation</a>
3541.1	<a href="#">Transportation For School-Related Trips</a>
3541.1-E(1)	<a href="#">Transportation For School-Related Trips</a>
3541.1-E(2)	<a href="#">Transportation For School-Related Trips</a>

3541.2	<a href="#"><u>Transportation For Students With Disabilities</u></a>
3542	<a href="#"><u>School Bus Drivers</u></a>
4141.6	<a href="#"><u>Concerted Action/Work Stoppage</u></a>
4141.6	<a href="#"><u>Concerted Action/Work Stoppage</u></a>
4231	<a href="#"><u>Staff Development</u></a>
4241.6	<a href="#"><u>Concerted Action/Work Stoppage</u></a>
4241.6	<a href="#"><u>Concerted Action/Work Stoppage</u></a>
5116.1	<a href="#"><u>Intradistrict Open Enrollment</u></a>
5116.1	<a href="#"><u>Intradistrict Open Enrollment</u></a>
5117	<a href="#"><u>Interdistrict Attendance</u></a>
5117	<a href="#"><u>Interdistrict Attendance</u></a>
5142.2	<a href="#"><u>Safe Routes To School Program</u></a>
5142.2	<a href="#"><u>Safe Routes To School Program</u></a>
5148.3	<a href="#"><u>Preschool/Early Childhood Education</u></a>
5148.3	<a href="#"><u>Preschool/Early Childhood Education</u></a>
6154	<a href="#"><u>Homework/Makeup Work</u></a>
6159	<a href="#"><u>Individualized Education Program</u></a>
6159	<a href="#"><u>Individualized Education Program</u></a>
6164.6	<a href="#"><u>Identification And Education Under Section 504</u></a>
6164.6	<a href="#"><u>Identification And Education Under Section 504</u></a>
6173	<a href="#"><u>Education For Homeless Children</u></a>
6173	<a href="#"><u>Education For Homeless Children</u></a>
6173-E(1)	<a href="#"><u>Education For Homeless Children</u></a>
6173-E(2)	<a href="#"><u>Education For Homeless Children</u></a>
6173.1	<a href="#"><u>Education For Foster Youth</u></a>
6173.1	<a href="#"><u>Education For Foster Youth</u></a>
6178.2	<a href="#"><u>Regional Occupational Center/Program</u></a>
6200	<a href="#"><u>Adult Education</u></a>
6200	<a href="#"><u>Adult Education</u></a>