

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES – ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Students in grades kindergarten through eight will be transported if they live more than two and one-half (2½) miles from their assigned attendance center. Additionally, students residing in areas designated by the Facilities Committee and who are in grades kindergarten through eight will be eligible for transportation services.

Resident special education students who are eligible and require transportation as an integral part of their program must have transportation privileges specified in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). The Special Education and Student Services coordinator has final authority in determining the type, such as bus service, mileage paid to parents, etc., of transportation services to be provided eligible special education students. The school district's legal responsibility is to transport special education students from their residence to their assigned attendance center and from that attendance center back to their residence. The board also recognizes that individual student needs and variations existing within the schedules of many special education programs may require minor alterations in the routes. Therefore, the school district will transport students from pick-up and delivery points other than their residence, provided there are no more than two (2) changes in those points during the school year. Changes in delivery or pick-up points beyond the two allowed per year may result in the school district reverting to its legal responsibility of transporting the student from their residence to their assigned attendance center and back to their residence. Transportation to or from points other than the student's residence will then become the responsibility of the parent.

Resident students who request attendance center transfers through the personal transfer procedures which places their residence more than two and one-half (2½) miles from the requested attendance center will be denied their transfer request, unless district transportation is waived by the parent. Students who are forced to transfer to other attendance centers will be provided transportation, or payment in lieu of transportation, if they live more than two and one-half (2½) miles from these attendance centers.

Resident students attending another district under the open enrollment statute will not be provided transportation.

Non-resident students attending Rapid City Area School District under the open enrollment statute may be provided transportation by the Rapid City Area School District. Transportation services may be provided to non-resident students meeting eligibility requirements outlined in section I herein and provided the student is assigned to an established bus stop serving the school to which the student is open enrolled. Transportation will remain the responsibility of the parent or the resident district if required as a related service and part of an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Students deemed eligible for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or as required by any state or federal statute may be provided transportation.

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Legal Reference:

SDCL 10-13-39 - Classification of owner-occupied single-family dwelling

SDCL 13-28-09 - School residence for free school privileges – Change of residence during school year.

SDCL 13-28-10 - School residency of child residing in home other than residence of parents, guardian, or noncustodial parents – Petition to local school board.

SDCL 13-30-01 - Students eligible for transportation or board and room allowance.

SDCL 13-30-2 - Transportation allowance to pupils living in first or second class municipality.

SDCL 13-30-3 - Mileage allowance in lieu of transportation for students.

Cross Reference:

EEA - Student Transportation Services

JECC - Assignment of Students to Schools