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SECTION 1. STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

1.1 The Board of Trustees' primary concern in providing transportation services to students is the safety and protection of the health of students.

1.2 This Board adopts as policy the Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations of the State Department of Education.

SECTION 2. REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The District shall provide transportation to and from school for a regularly and/or dually enrolled student who:

- a. Resides at least 1½ miles from the nearest appropriate school, determined by the nearest and best route from the junction of the driveway of the student's home¹ and the nearest public road to the nearest door of the school the student attends or to a bus stop, whichever the case may be;
- b. Is a student with a disability whose IEP identifies transportation as a related service; or
- c. In the judgment of the Board, has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services, including the age, health, or safety of the student.

SECTION 3. HOMELESS STUDENTS

3.1 Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and State law.

SECTION 4. FOSTER CHILDREN

4.1 The Superintendent/designee shall implement the requirements for ensuring educational stability for all children in foster care. Each of these provisions must emphasize the child's best interest determination. A written guideline must provide clarity to each school and staff member governing the transportation protocol for students in foster care. This includes the facilitation of transportation to the school of origin (when in the student's best interest). Transportation will be provided, arranged, and funded for the duration of time in foster care. These procedures must confirm the following:

- a. Children in foster care needing transportation to the school of origin will promptly receive that transportation in a reasonable and cost-effective manner, and;
- b. Ensure that, if there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to maintain children in foster care in their schools of origin, the District will provide transportation to the school of origin if:
 - i. The local child welfare agency agrees to reimburse the District for the cost of such transportation;
 - ii. The District agrees to pay for the cost of such transportation; or
 - iii. The District and the local child welfare agency agree to share the cost of such transportation.

SECTION 5. SAFETY

5.1 The transportation services contractor shall provide each new school bus driver with a school bus driver training program before allowing them to drive a bus carrying students.

5.2 The transportation services contractor shall provide all experienced school bus drivers with at least ten hours of refresher school bus driver training each fiscal year. Such training shall meet the requirements described in the Standards for Idaho School Bus and Operations. Documented training similar to that required by the District may

be used to comply with new school bus driver training hours, unless the driver has a gap of more than four (4) years in their previous driving experience.

5.3 The Superintendent/designee shall develop written rules establishing the procedures for bus safety and emergency exit drills, and for student conduct while riding on buses, including for students with special needs.

5.4 The Superintendent/designee shall ensure that transportation personnel have access to a library of resources to assist them in operating safe and efficient transportation services. These resources shall include:

- a. Applicable federal, State, and local laws, codes, and regulations;
- b. Applicable manuals and guidelines;
- c. Online access to internet and other resources; and
- d. Applicable trade journals and organizations' publications.

SECTION 6. OPERATION OF BUSES AND MINI BUSES

6.1 To provide transportation to students, this District may purchase or lease, and maintain and operate school buses and mini buses, which mini buses will not have a seating capacity in excess of fifteen (15) persons; enter into agreements or contracts for the use of a charter bus(es); enter into contracts with individuals, firms, corporations, or private carriers; or make payments to parents or guardians, subject to the statutory limitations, when transportation is not furnished by the District.

¹A day care center, family day care home, or a group day care facility may substitute for the student's residence for student transportation to and from school. The District will not transport students between childcare facilities and home.

Legal

[20 USC § 6312\(c\) Every Student Succeeds Act Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations](#)

[I.C. § 33-1006 Transportation Support Program](#)

[I.C. § 33-1501 Transportation Authorized](#)

[I.C. § 33-1503 Payments when Transportation Not Furnished](#)

[IDAPA 08.02.03.109 Special Education](#)

Cross References

3060 Education of Homeless Children

8110 Safety Busing

8120 Bus Routes, Stops and Non-Transportation Zones

Federal Highway Safety Guideline 17

Idaho Department of Education, Idaho's School Bus Driver Training Classroom Curriculum