

Non-Instructional Operations

Transportation – School Buses

The Board of Education will provide transportation for students under provisions of state law and as more specifically described in the administrative regulations. The Superintendent of Schools is asked to administer the operation so as to

1. Provide for safety of students.
2. Supplement and reinforce desirable student behavior patterns.
3. Assist disabled students appropriately.
4. Enrich the instructional program through carefully planned field trips as recommended by the staff.

Transportation by private carrier may be provided whenever such practice is more economical than using school district-owned facilities. Parents may be reimbursed for transportation of eligible students whenever such practice is more economical or convenient.

Transportation shall be furnished without charge as follows:*

1. All elementary school students who live one mile or more walking distance from school.
2. All middle school students who live one and one-half miles or more walking distance from school.
3. All high school students who live two miles or more walking distance from school.
4. Students with physical and/or mental disabilities who legally require specialized transportation accommodations; students temporarily disabled and whose condition is certified by the school medical advisor; students placed out-of-district by the recommendation of the Director of Pupil Services and with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools; students attending approved special education programs outside the West Hartford Public Schools, with the recommendation of the Director of Pupil Services and the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, when no appropriate program is available to them in the West Hartford Public Schools.
5. Students, within the limits of the school budget, for educational trips, athletic contests, and other activities if approved in advance by the principal(s) concerned.

*Does not include students attending out-of-district schools.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes:

- 10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance . . .
- 10-220 Duties of boards of education
- 14-275a Use of standard school bus required, when
- 14-275c Regulations re school buses and motor vehicles used to transport students
- 14-280 Display of signs and signals by school bus and student transportation vehicle

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