

Regulation

**THIS POLICY WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL IT CAN BE DISCUSSED
AT THE AUGUST PLANNING SESSION**

TRANSPORTATION

It is the intention of the Township of Union Board of Education to provide safe and economical student transportation for all eligible public, parochial and private school students residing in the Township of Union in accordance with New Jersey statutes and rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Board of Education. This transportation may be provided by use of board of education owned vehicles, board of education contracted vehicles, student bus tickets, by board of education agreement, or by cash reimbursement.

Only transportation equipment and services which meet New Jersey State Board of Education standards and New Jersey Motor Vehicle Department standards and which have the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools shall be used.

The business administrator/board secretary shall be responsible for implementing all phases of the student transportation system, and for providing inservice training for all transportation personnel which rigorously emphasizes safety. The transportation supervisor shall be responsible for all operational and maintenance phases of the student transportation system, reporting to the business administrator/board secretary.

The superintendent shall provide safety programs for teachers and students. Transportation eligibility shall be determined according to the following criteria:

A. Public school students

1. Students in grade prekindergarten-five must live beyond 1.5 miles from the school of attendance. Measurements to elementary schools will be made by the shortest route along public roadways or walkways from the entrance of the student's residence nearest such public roadway or walkway to the most distant entrance of the assigned school. (This includes children from the Multi-service Center.)

Students in prekindergarten-four who must traverse the Route 78 overpass on Vauxhall Road to go to or return from their school of attendance shall be transported to and from their school of attendance regardless of the distance they must travel.

2. Students in grades six-eight must live beyond 2.0 miles from the school of attendance. Measurements to school grades six-eight and nine-twelve will be made by the shortest route along public roadways or walkways from the entrance of the student's residence nearest such public roadway or walkway to the nearest entrance of the assigned school.
3. Students in grades nine-twelve must live beyond 2.5 miles from the school of attendance.
4. Physically disabled students need not meet any specific distance requirement, but the parent/guardian of such children must provide the board of education with a doctor's letter which indicates the nature of the child's disability and the anticipated duration of the need for transportation. Requests for transportation of physically disabled students are subject to the approval of the Executive County Superintendent.
5. Students assigned to special class by the Department of Special Services of the Township of Union Board of Education need not meet any specific distance requirement. However, educable students who live less than the distance required in this section, part A, sub parts one, two and three may be

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designated as "walkers" if in the judgment of the Department of Special Services such classification is in the best interest of the student.

B. Private and parochial school students

The transportation of private and parochial school students shall be in accordance with New Jersey statutes and the related rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Board of Education with exceptions as noted.

1. Students attending schools which operate for profit are ineligible.
2. Students attending out-of-state schools are ineligible.
3. Transportation to and from Saturday or Sunday classes is ineligible.
4. The parent/guardian of the child must file a transportation application with the business administrator/board secretary by May 1 of each year transportation is desired.
5. Students in grades prekindergarten-five must live beyond 1.5 miles, but not beyond 20.0 miles from the school of attendance.*

Students in prekindergarten-four who must traverse the Route 78 overpass on Vauxhall Road to go to or return from their school of attendance shall be transported to and from their school of attendance regardless of the distance they must travel.

6. Students in grades six-eight must live beyond 2.0 miles, but not beyond 20.0 miles from the school of attendance.
7. Students in grades nine-12 must live beyond 2.5 miles, but not beyond 20.0 miles from the school of attendance.

* The Township of Union Board of Education has reduced the statutory requirement in grades prekindergarten-five from beyond 2.0 miles to beyond 1.5 miles.

Adopted: June 1999