

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The major purpose of school transportation is to get students who live an unreasonable walking distance from school, to school and back in an efficient, safe, and economical manner. Other purposes in the provision of transportation are for academic field trips in direct support of the curriculum, and transportation for support of the co-curricular program.

District-owned buses and other vehicles will be provided by the Board for the transport of students to and from school. The transportation supervisor, working in conjunction with the school principals and director of special services, and under the supervision of the superintendent, will be responsible for the day to day operation of the school transportation system, the scheduling and routing of all buses, bus stops, and all regulations of the program.

Vehicles owned by the Board will be operated by authorized school employees or officials who are properly licensed. These employees and officials must meet all state requirements for licensing.

Management of the school transportation program will meet the following criteria:

1. Adequacy – the program will provide both necessary and sufficient transportation to and from school and for all other school programs.
2. Safety – the scheduling and operating of the program will take into consideration hazards, potential dangers to pupils, and all appropriate safeguards.
3. Economy – the program will be operated in the most efficient manner possible after considering the constraints imposed by the criteria of adequacy and safety.

Evaluation: The school transportation program will be monitored by the administration or their designees, and subjected to periodic evaluations by them as necessary.

Management of the school transportation program will be outlined in Board regulation EEA-R.

Legal References

SDCL 13-29-12 through 13-29-18, 13-30-1 et seq., 13-31-2 et seq.

Policy

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