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8600 **STUDENT** TRANSPORTATION

The Randolph Township School District shall transport eligible students to and from school and school related activities in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1 et seq. and Board policy. Transportation shall be provided only to eligible public and non-public school students, authorized school staff members, and adults serving as approved chaperones.

Nonpublic school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.1 et seq.

Charter or renaissance school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-3.1 et seq.

The Board may provide transportation to and from school for public school students less than remove if conditions are deemed to be hazardous.

The Randolph Township School District shall provide transportation to and from school for public school students less than remote from their school in grades K-8 who live more than **two** 2.0 miles from the school they attend and in grades 9 - 12 who live more than **two** and one-half 2.5 miles from the school they attend.

The Randolph Township School District may decide to enter into a contract to provide transportation to and from school for public and non-public school students less than remote from their school with the parent or legal guardian paying costs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.3. Students shall not be excluded from receiving these transportation services if it is determined the parent/legal guardian cannot pay the cost in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.4.

The Randolph Township School District shall transport students certified by a physician as temporarily disabled regardless of the distance between their home and school.

The Randolph Township School District shall transport disabled students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq.



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Students with special needs shall be provided transportation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1.

The Randolph Township School District shall approve all bus routes by June 30th of each school year. Bus routes for all non-remote students who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes will be designated **and approved by the Board**. The Randolph Township School District **may** will—consider, but shall not be limited to, the criteria outlined in N.J.S.A 18A:39-1.5 in determining "Hazardous Routes."

The Randolph Township School District shall not be responsible for the transportation of non-resident students to or from school, except that transportation to and from school shall be provided for homeless students; students residing in group homes; students residing in resource family homes; and students residing in shared custody homes pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5 children for whom the district is determined to be the district of residence and for homeless children enrolled in this district when no district of residence has been determined.

The Randolph Township School District shall transport resident children who attend a non-public school in the State of New Jersey not more than twenty miles from their residence, but not a lesser distance from their residence than that required for the transportation of students enrolled in the schools of this district. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.2, students living more than twenty miles from their non-public school are eligible for transportation services when other students living within the district, whose residence is less than twenty miles from school, are transported to the same non-public school.

The Board shall utilize cooperative/coordinated transportation services in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-10.1 et seq. The Board shall utilize one of the agencies prior to determining to pay aid in lieu of transportation if in the prior year payments in lieu of transportation were provided. The Board will provide to the cooperative/coordinated transportation services any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.

Vehicles used to transport students to and from school or school related activities shall meet standards, registration, and inspection requirements of the New Jersey Departments of Education (NJDOE), the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC), and any applicable Federal regulations. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the New Jersey State Board of Education and the NJDOE.



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In addition to the provisions of any State law, rule, or regulation containing more stringent requirements, provided that those requirements are compatible with Federal law, and notwithstanding the provisions of any State law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, school bus operations in the State shall comply with the requirements outlined in N.J.S.A. 39:3B-27.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.; 18A:39-1 et seq.; 18A:39-11.1 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 27:15-16

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.; 39:3B-2.1; 39:3B-10; 39:3B-27

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.; 6A:27-3.1 et seq.;

6A:27-4.1 et seq.; 6A:27-5.1; 6A:27-6.2 through 6.5; 6A:27-7.1 et seq.; 6A:27-9.1 et seq.; 6A:27-10.1 et seq.;

6A:27-11.1 et seq.; 6A:27-12.1 et seq.

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