

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the transportation policy changing?

Policies are reviewed periodically as a result of district changes and state mandates. More specifically, the district's current courtesy busing policy that identifies hazardous routes was never formally adopted. As a result of addressing the hazardous route component other variables may be impacted.

Where can I find the current transportation policy to compare to the proposed policy?

District policies are available on the district's website (Board of Education – Policies). Policy searches may be performed by policy number or specific terms.

When would the new transportation policy take effect?

Proposed changes to Board policy would take effect for the 2017/18 school year.

What does the policy mean and does it impact subscription busing?

The impact to the student, if any, is specific to the individual based upon the parameters (grade, address, etc.) of the policy. Subscription busing as it currently exists (offered by the district) would no longer exist and the seats would be allocated towards the hazardous route component of the policy. The district is exploring external contracted services between the parent and a provider.

Who is entitled to the distinction of a hazardous route?

Please refer to the proposed regulation for more specific details.

How are the walking distances established for the mandated transportation?

Walking distances are established through State statute (NJSA 18A-39 et seq.) and Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:27).

Why is transportation not provided to all students?

The State defines the minimum parameters of what constitutes a student requiring transportation. Every district may choose to broaden the parameters to fit their community and available resources.

Is weather a consideration for the proposed policy?

The district is considering all variables that will have a consistent impact to the student. Although bad weather is not consistent, the district is exploring options to address inclement weather.

Will bus stops or routes change?

It is expected that the policy would also impact other components as a result of newly created routes.