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R 8600 STUDENT 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 and contracted vehicles, student bus tickets, 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 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall be responsible for implementing all phases of the student transportation system, and for providing in-service 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 School 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. Elementary school students must live beyond two 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). The transportation department will use specialized software to determine this route.
2. Secondary school students must live beyond two and a half miles from the school of attendance. Measurements to secondary 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 nearest entrance of the assigned school. The transportation department will use specialized software to determine this route.

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3. Any student whose eligibility is not listed under the criteria above but whose transportation is mandated by New Jersey Statute under Title 18A Chapter 39-1 et seq. or the related regulations.
4. Students who are granted special approval by the superintendent or designee to attend a school other than the one initially assigned will be responsible for transportation to and from that school.

B. Private and Parochial School Students

1. 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.
2. Students attending schools which operate for-profit are ineligible.
3. Students attending out-of-state schools are ineligible.
4. Transportation to and from Saturday or Sunday classes is ineligible.
5. Elementary school students must live beyond two miles, but not beyond twenty miles from the school of attendance.
6. Secondary school students must live beyond two and a half miles, but not beyond twenty miles from the school of attendance.
7. Any student whose eligibility is not listed under the criteria above but whose transportation is mandated by New Jersey Statute under Title 18A Chapter 39-1 et seq. or the related regulations.

Waiver of Eligible Transportation Services

Each school year a parent/guardian of a student who is eligible for transportation services under the law may sign a written statement waiving the student's right to those services. This written statement shall be in the form that is determined by the Department of Education.

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If there is a case of a family or economic hardship during the school year in which the parents/guardian has waived the student's transportation service rights, the district will make provisions to provide transportation to the student during this hardship.

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