

## Operational Services

### Transportation

The District shall provide free transportation for all students in the District: (1) residing at a distance of one and one-half miles or more from their assigned schools, and (2) residing within one and one-half miles from their assigned schools where walking would constitute a serious hazard due to vehicular traffic, per rules and guidelines of Illinois Department of Transportation, and adequate public transportation is not available. Free transportation services and vehicle adaptation for special education students shall be provided if included in the students' individualized educational programs or as otherwise required by law. Non-public school students shall be transported in accordance with State law. Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

Bus schedules and routes shall be determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee and shall be altered only with the Superintendent or his/her designee's approval and direction. In fixing the routes, the pickup and discharge points shall be as safe for students as possible.

Students shall be transported to and from school activities only in vehicles authorized by the Administration. No school employee may transport pupils in school or private vehicles unless authorized by the Administration and in compliance with legal requirements and liability coverage requirements. Every vehicle regularly used for the transportation of students must pass safety inspections in accordance with State law and Illinois Department of Transportation regulations. The strobe light on a school bus may be illuminated any time a bus is bearing one or more students. The Superintendent shall implement procedures in accordance with State law for accepting erratic driving reports.

All contracts for charter bus services must contain the clause prescribed by State law regarding criminal background checks for bus drivers.

### Post-Trip Vehicle Inspection

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a post-trip inspection procedure to ensure that the school bus driver (1) tests the two-way radio and ensures that it is functioning properly before the bus is operated, and (2) walks to the rear of the bus before leaving the bus at the end of each route, work shift, or work day, to check the bus for children or other passengers in the bus.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-22.22 and 29-1, *et seq.* (105 ILCS 5/10-22.22 and 5/29-1, *et seq.*); McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11431 *et seq.*  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.510a and §226.935.  
625 ILCS 5/1-182, 5/11-1414.1, 5/12-815,512-816, 5/12-816, 5/12-821 and 5/13-109.

CROSS REF.: 5.280

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