

## Transportation Eligibility Guidelines for the Cherry Hill Public Schools

School districts in New Jersey are required to provide transportation to students who live beyond certain mileage guidelines as indicated below. The Cherry Hill Board of Education has established its own mileage guidelines which are less restrictive than the state's guidelines:

	<u>Cherry Hill</u>	<u>State</u>
K-5	1.0 miles	2.0 miles
6-8	1.5 miles	2.0 miles
9-12	2.0 miles	2.5 miles

Because our district is criss-crossed by numerous busy streets and highways, the Board of Education has also established "hazardous routes" criteria. The Board provides transportation services to students who, while not eligible under Cherry Hill's mileage guidelines, would otherwise have to traverse hazardous roads to and from school. This is referred to as "courtesy busing" because the state does not recognize hazardous routes as a criterion for providing transportation and does not reimburse the district for the transportation of these students. The cost is borne by the local taxpayers.

The district transports more than 80 percent of its students; more than 65 percent of transported students are courtesy riders under the hazardous route criteria.

Transportation is also provided for certain students with special needs as defined in federal law.

*For more details on eligibility for transportation see Board of Education Policy 3541, Pupil Transportation (available on the district website at [www.chclc.org](http://www.chclc.org)).*

