

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

## **POLICY 3541**

### **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

The Cherry Hill Board of Education shall provide transportation for children enrolled in the Cherry Hill Public School System, consistent with reasonable economy of operation and the requirement of state law.

The Cherry Hill Board of Education shall also provide for its children enrolled in any grade from kindergarten through twelve, inclusive, attending non-public non-profit schools therein, the same kind of transportation services provided for its children in such grades attending public schools.

Transportation requirements for students who receive special education services shall be determined on an individual basis consistent with the requirements of state and federal law.

Bus routes and stops are to be established by the superintendent of schools or designee. The primary objective of the bus operation is the safety of the children.

Routes are to be laid out so as to transport children to and from school as efficiently as possible. Bus stops and their approaches shall be designated in non-hazardous locations. Each student who is eligible for transportation, will be assigned to a bus route.

Students are only permitted to ride on the bus route to which they are assigned. If the need arises for a student to ride a different bus route than the one to which they are assigned, a note from the parent or guardian must be provided in advance to the building administrator. The procedures defined by the individual buildings will be followed in regard to approval of the request and subsequent notification to the bus company.

Eligibility for the various categories of student transportation shall be determined in accordance with the following:

- I. Normal daily student transportation to and from Cherry Hill Schools during the school year:
  - A. Transportation shall be provided for all students assigned to elementary schools whose potential walking routes from home to their assigned schools are determined to be in excess of one (1) mile.
  - B. Transportation shall be provided for all students assigned to middle schools whose potential walking routes from home to their assigned school are determined to be in excess of 1½ miles.

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- C. Transportation shall be provided for all high school students whose potential walking routes from home to their assigned school are determined to be in excess of two (2) miles.
- D. If, in the opinion of the Board of Education, the conditions of a particular route so dictate, the Board of Education may transport students who live within the mileage radii detailed above.
- E. Special transportation shall be provided where it is determined, with substantiating evidence, that a student is incapable of walking to school or riding a regular school bus.

### **II. Hazardous Routes**

- A. The Cherry Hill Board of Education recognizes that vehicular traffic in the district has increased dramatically over the years to the point that many roads are unsafe for students to traverse while walking from home to school and school to home.
- B. Therefore, a hazardous roads criteria shall be developed for the purpose of evaluating all of the district's roads with respect to assuring that students' safety is guaranteed.
- C. For those students who would otherwise be required to traverse roads deemed to be hazardous, the Board of Education shall provide transportation service from home to school and school to home regardless of mileage.

### **III. Transportation for Cherry Hill students requiring after school assistance.**

- A. Transportation shall be provided for middle and high school students requiring after-school assistance, guided by the determinations made in paragraph one, above, leaving the school at approximately one hour after close of the regular school day.

### **IV. Transportation for Cherry Hill students engaged in co-curricular activities.**

- A. Transportation shall be provided from the school to the engagement location and return for middle and high school students participating in interscholastic athletic competition or other program engagements involving a formal recognized student organization.
- B. Transportation shall be provided from the school to the home following practice sessions related to the activities described above in Paragraph A, on the basis of a predetermined schedule, or advance notification to the Transportation Supervisor by the school principal.

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- C. Upon the approval by the Superintendent of Schools, transportation shall be provided from the school to the location and return for groups of students participating in educational trips within the confines of the Township of Cherry Hill and other trips when buses are able to return to Cherry Hill by 2:00 p.m. for regular transportation use.
  
- V. Transportation for Non-Public School Students:
  - A. Transportation for non-public school students shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A: 39-1.
  
- VI. Transportation for Handicapped Students to and from Approved Out-of State Facilities:
  - A. Transportation for handicapped students shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6:28-3.4 (a) and (b). Such transportation is subject to the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools.

**Legal References:**

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-25	Transportation aid
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:22-8.6	Transportation (budget line item)
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36A-13	Transportation services (charter schools)
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:39-1	Transportation To and From Schools
<u>et seq.</u>	
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:39-1.2	
through -1.9	
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46-19.6	Transportation to location or maintenance of vehicular classrooms to obtain services; payment of cost
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:46-23	Transportation of pupils; special classes; handicapped children; state aid
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 39:3-10.9	New Jersey Commercial Drivers License Act
<u>et al.</u>	
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 39:3-27	Free registration of certain vehicles; transfer to other motor vehicles
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:27-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Student Transportation
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:27-1.1(b), -2.1, -3.1, -5.1, -6.2, -6.3, -6.4, -9.1(e), -11.1, -13.3	

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### **Legal References:**      **continued**

N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1      *Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts  
et seq.*

Parents for Student Safety, Inc., v. Morris Bd. of Ed., 1986 S.L.D. (February 5), St. Bd.  
rev'g 1984 S.L.D. (August 24), *aff'd* App. Div., *unreported decision* (docket no. A-3257-85-  
T7, decided February 17, 1987) *certif. den.* 108 N.J. 180 (1987)

Wayne Board of Education v. Kraft et al., 139 NJ 597 (1995)  
Policies and Procedures Manual for Pupil Transportation, N.J. State Department of  
Education

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

**Related Policies:**

*3220/3230	State funds; federal funds
*3516	Safety
*3541.31	Privately owned vehicles
*3541.33	Transportation safety
*4211	Recruitment, selection and hiring
*5200	Nonpublic school pupils
*6145	Extracurricular activities
*6153	Field trips

**Related Procedures:** B-3: Accidents, Bus/Van – Reporting of

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