

Davis Joint USD

Board Policy

Transportation For Students With Disabilities

BP 3541.2

Business and Noninstructional Operations

~~The Board of Education shall ensure that appropriate transportation services are provided for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program (IEP) or accommodation plan. The district shall make home to school transportation available for students at no cost to parents/guardians as specified in the student's IEP.~~

The Governing Board desires to meet the transportation needs of students with disabilities to enable them to benefit from special education and related services. The district shall provide appropriate transportation services for a student with disabilities when the district is the student's district of residence and the transportation services are required by his/her individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 accommodation plan.

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)

(cf. [32503540](#) - Transportation Fees)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program ~~(IEP)~~)

~~(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)~~

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education ~~under~~Under Section 504)

~~The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria and procedures for determining the most appropriate mode of transportation for an individual student based on identified needs as determined in the IEP or accommodation plan. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the transportation of special education students.~~

The specific needs of the student shall be the primary consideration when an IEP team is determining the student's transportation needs. Considerations may include, but are not limited to, the student's health needs, travel distances, physical accessibility and safety of streets and sidewalks, accessibility of public transportation systems, midday or other transportation needs, extended-year services, and, as necessary, implementation of a behavioral intervention plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide IEP teams with information about district transportation services in order to assist them in making decisions as to the mode, schedule, and location of transportation services that may be available to each student with disabilities.

Transportation services specified in a student's IEP or Section 504 plan shall be provided at no cost to the student or his/her parent/guardian.

(cf. [3250](#) - Transportation Fees)

If a student whose IEP or accommodation plan specifies transportation needs is excluded from school bus transportation for any reason, such as suspension, expulsion, or other reason, the district shall provide alternative transportation at no cost to the student or parent/guardian. (Education Code 48915.5)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

~~The district may contract with another agency to provide transportation to students who require it as part of their IEP. Such an agreement shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for safety developed in collaboration with the district, the Special Education Local Plan Agency (SELPA) and the contracting agency.~~

~~(cf. 3540 - Transportation)~~

When contracting with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency to provide special education services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the contract includes general administrative and financial agreements related to the provision of transportation services if specified in the student's IEP. (Education Code 56366)

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall arrange transportation schedules so that students with disabilities do not spend an excessive amount of time on buses compared to other students. Arrivals and departures shall not reduce the length of the school day for these students except as may be prescribed on an individual basis.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)

~~The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to ensure compatibility between mobile seating devices and bus securement systems.~~

~~(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any mobile seating devices used on district buses are compatible with bus securement systems required by 49 CFR 571.222. (Education Code 56195.8)

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

As necessary, a student with disabilities may be accompanied on school transportation by a service animal, as defined in 28 CFR 35.104, including a specially trained guide dog, signal dog, or service dog. (Education Code 39839; Civil Code 54.1-54.2; 28 CFR 35.136)

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)

When transportation is not specifically required by the IEP or Section 504 plan of a student with disabilities, the student shall be subject to the rules and policies regarding regular transportation offerings within the district.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

39807.5 Payment of transportation cost

39839 Guide dogs, signal dogs, and service dogs on bus

41850-41854 Allowances for transportation

48300-48315 Alternative interdistrict attendance program

48915.5 Expulsion of students with exceptional needs

[56040 No cost for special education and related services](#)

56195.8 Adoption of policies

56327 Assessment for special education and related services

56345 Individualized education program

[56365-56366.1 Nonpublic nonsectarian schools or agencies](#)

~~[56366.1 Waiver of requirements under section 56365 and 56366](#)~~

CIVIL CODE

[54.1-54.2 Service animals](#)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

~~[15050 Transfer of funds to child development fund and development center for handicapped pupils fund](#)~~

15243 Physically handicapped minors

15271 Exclusion from report

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

[35.104 Definitions](#)

[35.136 Service animals](#)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

[300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:](#)

[300.34 Transportation defined as related service](#)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

571.222 Federal requirements for bus securement systems

Management Resources:

~~[CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES](#)~~

~~[0500.92 Implementation of CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS](#)~~

Special Education Transportation [Apportionment \(#92-02\) Guidelines](#)

~~[CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES](#)~~

~~[0609.95 School transportation fee exemption for handicapped children and pupils whose parents](#)~~

~~or guardians are indigent (LO: 2-95)~~

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Students with Disabilities: Frequently Asked Questions About Section 504 and the Education of Children with Disabilities, 2009

Questions and Answers on Serving Children with Disabilities Eligible for Transportation, 2009

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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