

The major purpose of school transportation is to get students, who live an unreasonable walking distance from school, in hazardous/unusual areas or suffer from health disorders, to school and back in an efficient, safe and economical manner.

The District is required by state law to provide transportation to and from school for all students residing two or more miles from the public school they attend. The District is also required to provide transportation services to other students as outlined by the law. However, the Board, at its discretion, has determined that the district shall provide transportation to and from school for pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students who reside within district boundaries as follows.

- Pre-Kindergarten -Transportation shall be provided for all pre-kindergarten public school students residing in the District regardless of the distance from school.
- Grades K-5 – Transportation shall be provided for all resident public school students, grades K-5, who live 1 mile from their assigned school.
- Grades 6-12 – Transportation shall be provided for all resident public school students, who live 2.0 miles or more from their assigned school,
- Students Living in Areas of Unusual Hazard – Transportation shall be provided, as outlined in the “Transportation Plan for Unusually Hazardous Areas” to resident public school students who live in unusually hazardous areas as established by the board according to sheriff department guidelines.
- Students with Disabilities – Students with disabilities shall be transported as required by their individualized education program.
- Private School Students – Transportation shall be provided for any private elementary students living in the District one mile or more from his/her school and for any private secondary student living in the District two or more miles from their school, if such private school is the nearest available private school which the pupil may reasonably choose to attend and is situated within the district or within 5 miles of the District boundaries. Parent contracts may be offered to meet this requirement, in accordance with state law and regulations.
- Open Enrollment Students – Transportation may be available to students open enrolled into the District on existing routes and at an existing stop provided that there are available seats. A parent or responsible adult needs to be present in order for a K-5 open enrollment student to be dropped off at an existing stop. Open

enrollment students are subject to the same code of conduct and sanctions as district resident students.

The School District of Slinger shall provide transportation for all public elementary students living one mile or more from their assigned school. Students who have pick-up and/or drop off points within walking distance as defined in Board Policy 751-Rule may arrange, with the bus company, for transportation.

Parents/guardians of these students shall pay for such service. Students who have a pick-up and/or drop off point within an elementary attendance area shall attend that school. District students wishing to attend a school outside of their attendance area shall comply with the requirements of Board Policy 432. Transportation of such students shall be the responsibility of their parents.

Students shall be transported as safely and quickly as possible, however, it may be necessary to require students to walk a reasonable distance to facilitate safety, minimize riding time, promote efficient scheduling, and mitigate the length of routes. Parents may have a different address for pick-up and drop-off but such addresses must be consistent Monday through Friday, unless decreed by court order.

Guidelines for bus routes and schedules shall be established through collaboration with the bus company and the District to facilitate an effective district transportation process.

All students transported to and from school by a method provided by the District will be subject to all school rules and any special rules or regulations imposed by the company providing the transportation service.

### **Legal References:**

### **Cross References:**

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