

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Merton Community School District Board of Education to provide safe, regular and economical transportation services in compliance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin and the regulations of the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Transportation relating to student safety and transportation.

The district shall provide transportation for all regularly enrolled students whose eligibility shall be determined by meeting the following conditions:

1. Who reside more than two (2) miles by the most usually traveled and direct route.
2. Students with exceptional educational needs as defined in State Statute 115.76(3).
3. Private school students who are residents of the district in accordance with State Statute 121.54(2).
4. Hazardous conditions as defined by Statute 121.54(9)(a).

The district may provide transportation, as per State Statute 121.545, to students residing in the district attending public or private schools for which the district is not required by state statute to provide transportation for.

The following guidelines shall be used to evaluate each request:

- a. Requests must be received prior to May 30th to be considered for the following year.
- b. Established routes and schedules will not be altered substantially to accommodate students under this policy.
- c. Applicants will be accepted on a space available, first come, first serve basis.
- d. The parent or guardian requesting transportation must agree to pay a per student fee sufficient to reimburse the district for such costs incurred in providing transportation.

The District Administrator shall assist in developing the routes and cluster pick up points with the transportation contractor. (See administrative rule for guidelines).

In order to provide for safe transportation of students to and from school and extra-curricular activities, the District Administrator shall develop and publish guidelines relative to bus usage, conduct and discipline.

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