

## **FALL RIVER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Regulation 3541**

## **BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

### **TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES**

#### **Routes and Bus Stops**

Students who reside beyond the minimum transportation distances listed below shall be eligible for transportation service to the school of their attendance area:

1. For elementary school students:  
Grades K-3: three-fourths mile  
Grades 4-6: one mile
2. For junior/senior high school students:  
Grades 7-12: two miles
3. Measurement of Distances:  
Minimum distances shall be measured from the legal residence by the shortest traveled road.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. In individual cases of safety and/or traffic hazard, pupils residing less than the stipulated distances from the school of their enrollment may be provided transportation with the consent of the Governing Board. I.E:
  - a. For students in grades 1-3 on the south side of Hwy 299 in Fall River Mills.
  - b. For students in grades 1-3 on the North Side of Hwy 299 in Burney.
  - c. All other students in grades K - 12 as long as room is available and behavior is not an issue. If behavior is an issue, transportation may be denied after the driver and the principal have conferred.
2. Transportation shall be provided for mentally retarded and physically handicapped pupils, including deaf, blind, cerebral palsied, aphasic, and orthopedically handicapped pupils.

#### **Attendance Boundaries for Transportation Services**

The area north of Highway 299, including Four-Corners and Cayton Valley, shall be designated for pupils in grades K-12 to attend schools in Burney. Persons within the above area or the Hat Creek-Cassel area may petition the District Superintendent for pupils in grades K-12 to attend school in another attendance center.

Students who attend a school outside their attendance area may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with Governing Board policy.

Transportation will be furnished from Four-Corners and Cayton Valley to Burney only, and from Hat Creek-Cassel area to Fall River-McArthur schools only. Parents receiving Board approval for

their children to attend another attendance center shall furnish their own transportation.

Route Schedules shall be made for each route identifying the stops requiring escort and identifying pupils requiring escort. Route Schedules shall also note stops not requiring red lights.

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules and stops and/or shall arrange for local media to publish such information.

Route Schedules shall be updated at regular intervals or as needed. Each school site shall have a copy on file.

### **Transportation Services**

With the Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 38020)
2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)
3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 38065)
4. District employees or parents/guardians traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 38055)
5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 38020)
6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a Regional Occupational Program or Center (Education Code 38028, 41850)
7. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 38054)
8. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults pursuing other educational purposes (Education Code 38022)
9. Private school students, in the same manner and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 38029)
10. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:
  - a. Community recreation which is the recreation as may be engaged in under direct control of public authority, or any camping or outdoor recreation activity which is sponsored by a nonprofit organization and is for the benefit of disadvantaged or handicapped schoolage children.(Education Code 38052)
  - b. Public transportation (Education Code 38059)

When used for these purposes the bus must have the Amber lights, flashing red signal system and School bus signal covered.

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education programs. (Education Code 41850, 20 USC 1400 - 1491, 34 CFR 104.4)

The district shall provide homeless students with transportation services comparable to those offered

to other students at the school of attendance. (42 USC 11432)

If a homeless student moves to a shelter that is in another attendance area within the district, the Superintendent or designee may arrange transportation that enables the student to continue attending the same school.

If a homeless student attending school in this district moves to a shelter that is in another district, the Superintendent or designee may arrange transportation that enables the student to continue attending the same school in this district. This transportation may be achieved through the transportation services of this district, the new district or an outside agency.

### **Authority to Deny Transportation Privileges**

The principal at each school in cooperation with the transportation supervisor shall have the responsibility for determining whether a pupil shall be suspended from the privilege of bus transportation.

No pupil shall be suspended from bus transportation until after the transportation supervisor has notified the parents/guardians of the pupil that bus transportation shall be denied that pupil.

Bus drivers shall provide the principal with written description of pupil misbehavior.

The driver of the school bus may refuse transportation to a pupil if the safety and welfare of other pupils aboard the bus are endangered. For example: If a child attempted to bring on the bus a weapon, animal (other than a guide dog for the blind), reptile, or insect of any kind, the driver shall first offer the child the alternative of leaving such object at the bus stop, before refusing the pupil transportation.

Should it be necessary to take exception to any of the above provisions, or should any unusual circumstances occur, the bus driver shall immediately notify the transportation supervisor in writing within 24 hours of the incident.

### **Special Transportation**

Consent: No pupil shall be embarked or disembarked from the bus at other than the pupil's regular bus stop, or at the school of his/her enrollment, unless the pupil surrenders to the bus driver a note from the pupil's parents/guardians which has been signed by the building principal (or designee), approving such departure or boarding.

### **Suspension of Transportation Privilege Eligibility**

Reinstatement: Pupils whose transportation privileges have been suspended may be reinstated at the discretion of the principal in cooperation with the transportation supervisor, and subject to terms and conditions for reinstatement established by the principal.

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