

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TWENTY FOUR

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Policy 5500

Student transportation in the School District will be provided in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The following objectives will serve as a guide to School District personnel in connection with the implementation of the School District's student transportation program:

1. to furnish transportation to those students eligible for transportation pursuant to law;
2. to provide safe transportation;
3. to operate the transportation program efficiently and economically;
4. to adapt transportation to the requirements of the instructional program;
5. to maintain conditions on the buses that are conducive to the best interest of the students-including mental, moral and physical considerations;
6. to promote a sympathetic public understanding of the entire transportation program-including safety, adequacy, efficiency, and standards of service;
7. to establish and review at least once a year the school bus scheduling and routing plans; and
8. to establish and review at least once a year the eligibility for transportation of students residing in the School District.

Transportation shall be provided at School District expense to those students who live more than two miles from the school they legally attend.

The Board of Education shall have the sole discretion in designating pick-up points and to add or remove bus stops in order to provide reasonably safe and economical transportation for the students of the School District.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee is responsible for administering the transportation program in accordance with the above-stated objectives.

Parents or guardians of a child who will be attending a nonpublic school and qualifies for transportation, must notify the Board of Education, in writing, by April 1st of each year if transportation is desired for the following school year. Should a family move into the School District after April 1st the request must be made within thirty (30) days of establishing residency in the School District. A form for this purpose may be obtained from the District Business Office.

Ref: Education Law §3635

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