

TRANSPORTATION

In accordance with MCPS Policy 8100: The District may provide transportation to and from school for a student who:

- Resides three (3) or more miles, over the shortest practical route, from the nearest public elementary or public high school.
- Is a student with a disability, whose IEP identifies transportation as a related service; or
- Has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services.

The District may elect to reimburse the parent or guardian of a student for individually transporting any eligible student.

The District may provide transportation by school bus or other vehicle through individual transportation such as paying a parent or guardian for individually transporting the student. The Board may pay board and room reimbursements, provide supervised correspondence study, or provide supervised home study. The Board may authorize children attending an approved private school to ride a school bus, provided that space is available and a fee to cover the per-seat cost for such transportation is collected. The District may transport and charge for an ineligible public school student, provided the parent or guardian pays a proportionate share of transportation services. Fees collected for transportation of ineligible students shall be deposited in the transportation fund. The District reserves the right to discontinue a route due to inclement weather and poor road conditions. Parents have the right to appeal a transportation decision with the Board of Trustees. Transportation issues that cannot be resolved by the Trustees may be appealed to the county transportation committee.

Homeless students shall be transported in according with McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and state law.

School Bus Route Changes:

Unavailable Bus Route: In the event a bus route is not available to a student due to a residence address located outside the regularly scheduled bus routes, the parent or guardian may request an alternate bus route be added. In this event, the parent or guardian must make an appointment with the school principal for which the student attends. An alternative bus route plan must be developed and submitted to the Facilities/Risk Manager for final approval.

Special Assistance Bus Route Change:

In the event a bus route is not available for a student requiring special assistance and the student has an IEP or 504 in place, the parent or guardian may request for special accommodations. In this event, the parent or guardian must make an appointment with the school principal for which the student attends. If the principal agrees there is a need for special accommodations, a proposed transportation plan shall be presented to the Facilities/Risk Manager for final approval.