

## **BP 3540 TRANSPORTATION**

The School Board desires to provide transportation for eligible students in accordance with state and federal law.

The goals of the transportation service are:

1. to provide maximum safety for students between home and school and on school-sponsored trips.
2. to promote desirable student behavior and respect for traffic safety.
3. to provide assistance and transportation for students with disabilities.
4. to provide transportation for field trips.

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

(cf. 3541.5 - Alternative Transportation Arrangements)

When necessary, the School Board shall make available a boarding program for secondary students whose transportation needs make daily access to school impractical and who are not participating in an alternative educational program.

### **Charter School Transportation**

The School Board recognizes that charter school students may benefit from transportation services. On a space available basis, charter school students may access school bus transportation on those regular school bus routes that run within the attendance area where the charter school is located.

Transportation access is subject to the following:

1. There must be adequate space available (seating) on the bus to accommodate the attendance area school students and additional charter school students. There must be adequate space on the bus schedule so that transportation to charter schools does not interfere with transportation to attendance area schools.
2. Charter school students may only access those school bus routes that are appropriate to their school level, i.e., elementary school, middle school or high school.
3. Charter school students who reside within a mile and a half of the charter school are not eligible for transportation unless they must cross a designated hazardous road area. Special education routes are not subject to the mile and a half restriction.
4. Charter school students must comply with all rules for safe and appropriate conduct while waiting for, boarding, riding, and exiting the bus, and while riding the bus. Charter school students are subject to the same sanctions as other students for bus violations.
5. Annually, the charter school must provide information to charter school families

who are accessing school bus transportation about the district's school bus rules.

6. School bus transportation is not available to charter school students enrolled in charter schools identified as correspondence programs.

Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate to the charter school the space availability on applicable transportation route(s) and determine the transportation needs of charter school students. If the number of charter school students desiring transportation exceeds available space, the charter school is responsible for developing a written process for addressing ridership on a fair and equitable basis. A copy of the written process shall be provided to the district.

The district is not required to establish dedicated transportation routes for the exclusive use of charter school students, but may choose to do so.

A charter school desiring additional or dedicated student transportation may submit a written proposal to the Superintendent or designee. The proposal shall identify, at a minimum, student transportation needs, charter school funding available to support additional transportation, and the transportation routes and services being requested. The Superintendent will make a recommendation to the School Board to approve or deny the request. The Superintendent and the Board will consider the funding, equipment and personnel necessary to accommodate the requested transportation; the impact on operations of the district; the needs of the charter school and its students; equity with other charter schools and district alternative and optional programs; and the best interests of the district. The School Board will approve or deny the transportation request at a regularly scheduled meeting.

(cf. 6182 - Secondary Boarding Program) (cf. 6181 - Charter School)

(cf. 5112.6 – Education For Homeless Children and Children in Foster Care)

*Legal Reference:*

*ALASKA STATUTES*

14.09.010 Transportation of pupils

14.09.030 School buses

14.30.347 Transportation of exception children

*ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE*

4 AAC 09.050 Secondary Boarding Programs

4 AAC 27.006-990 Transportation

4 AAC 27.057 Charter school transportation policy Revised 10/2021

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