

## **Transportation for Students With Disabilities**

### **Intent of Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students with disabilities who are entitled to transportation as a related service on their IEP are provided with appropriate transportation at no cost to their parents

### **Transportation Program**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a program for providing transportation services to students with disabilities. The program shall:

1. Describe how special education is coordinated with any regular education transportation provided by the District; and
2. Specify the criteria for meeting the transportation needs of students with disabilities including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. When an IEP team agrees that a student requires transportation as a related service, that information is timely communicated to the personnel coordinating transportation services;
  - b. Develop a process for coordinating District transportation services with the SELPA and other local educational agencies (“LEAs”) within the SELPA;
  - c. Ensure that any master contract between the District and a non-public school or non-public agency (“NPS”) specifies the transportation services to be provided to each student;
  - d. For students enrolled in a NPS, the master contract or individual services agreement between the District and the NPS shall specify that transportation services, if any, shall be provided by the NPS. While the NPA may subcontract to provide transportation services with another agency, including an LEA, the IEP of a student placed in an NPS shall not specify that transportation will be provided by another LEA;
  - e. District policies and procedures shall not limit the District’s responsibility to appropriately monitor and maintain medical devices that are needed to maintain the health and safety of the individual, including breathing, nutrition, or operation of other bodily functions, while the individual is transported to and from school.

**Options for Meeting Transportation Needs**

As required by the individual needs of each student as specified by his/her IEP, the District shall offer the following options for transportation:

1. Transportation by school bus operated by the District or through contract with another LEA;
2. Taxi or other livery service;
3. Mileage reimbursement for parents transporting their children to and from school; and
4. Driving by van or school vehicle operated by the District.

**Compatibility With Mobile Seating Devices**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that there are procedures in place to ensure that transportation provided by the District is compatible between mobile seating devices, when used, and the securement systems required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222 (49 C.F.R. § 571.222). All school bus drivers whether employed by the District, or providing services pursuant to contracts for transportation services, shall be trained in the proper installation of mobile seating devices in the securement systems. (Ed. Code §§ 56195.8; 56441.14, 56363, 56366, 56836.23, 56836.20 )

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