

A. ELIGIBILITY

Any student assigned to a school which is one and a half miles or more from his or her residence is eligible for transportation services to and from school. In addition, the principal or other designated official will consider applications in the following situations:

1. when factors are present which may endanger the safety of students walking to the school;
2. when a student is medically certified as temporarily incapacitated;
3. a student who is identified as having special needs in the North Carolina *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities* will be provided with transportation services as required by law;
4. a student who has voluntarily requested a transfer from the regularly assigned school may apply but is not guaranteed transportation services.

B. APPLICATIONS

The parent or guardian of any child enrolled in school may apply to the principal of the assigned school or other designated official for bus services. If the application is denied by the principal or his or her designee, the parent may seek review of the decision in accordance with policy 1740/4010, Student and Parent Grievance Procedure.

The board will direct that the student be provided transportation services if either (1) the board finds that the student is entitled to be transported to and from such school upon the school bus designated in the application; or (2) if the board finds that the transportation of the student upon such bus to and from such school is in the best interest of the student, will not interfere with the proper administration of such school, or with the safe and efficient transportation by school bus of other students enrolled in the school and will not endanger the health or safety of the children there enrolled.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-239, -240, -241, -244; *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board Policy EXCP-000.

Cross References: Student and Parent Grievance Procedure (policy 1740/4010)

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