

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Rensselaer City School District Board of Education, cognizant of its obligation under New York law to transport certain students to and from school, establishes the following goals for its transportation system:

- A. providing an efficient, effective, and safe service;
- B. ensuring that all students whose handicapping condition so dictate, receive necessary transportation;
- C. adapting the system to the demands of the instructional program;
- D. maintaining transportation vehicles in the best possible physical condition; and
- E. reviewing, at least annually, school bus schedules and routing plans to ensure that maximum efficiency is maintained.

The Board establishes the following rules regarding the transportation of students.

A. In-district Schools (Public and Non-Public):

Effective September 1, 2011, the District shall provide transportation for any student (K-12) residing more than one mile (1.0) mile from the school that she/he attends. Transportation shall be provided via school buses.

B. Out-of-District Schools (Public and Non-Public):

Transportation will not be provided for students (K-12) attending public and non-public schools outside of the City of Rensselaer.

C. Extracurricular Transportation:

1. Athletic Programs

Athletic transportation shall be provided by the Board for all approved athletic teams. Transportation shall be limited to team members, coaches, and cheerleaders, as appropriate. Spectator buses may be scheduled if the spectators pay a per capita charge for their operation of the bus. Such charge shall be established annually by the School Business Executive.

2. Field Trips

Transportation shall be provided for field trips in connection with the regular school program provided that such trips have been approved by the responsible Building Principal, School Business Executive, and the

Superintendent of Schools. Provision for such trips shall be made in the annual budget through individual budget requests. Building administrators shall be responsible for allocating their budget funds to those field trips that are most directly related to the curriculum of a particular course. Field trips shall be planned whenever possible to take place during the regular school day. There shall not be fewer than one (1) chaperone for every 12 students.

### 3. Overnight Trips

See policy 4531.1, "Extended Trips".

Cross Ref: 4531, Field Trips and Excursions  
4531.1, Extended Trips

Ref: Education Law Sec. 305(14), 3602(7), 3635 et seq.  
Matter of Handicapped Child, 24 EDR 41 (1984)  
Matter of Zakrezewski, 22 EDR 391 (1982)  
Matter of Nowak, 22 EDR 91 (1982)  
Matter of Fox, 19 EDR 439 (1980)

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