STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Student transportation is a major function of the educational process. Transportation requires special attention so that the greatest benefit will accrue to the school district from the dollars expended. The Board of Education affirms its responsibility to provide a reasonably safe and economical transportation system for district students. Transportation shall be provided at district expense to those students who are eligible as authorized by the Board.

The major objectives in the management of the student transportation program shall include the following:

- 1. to provide efficient, effective, economic and safe service;
- 2. to ensure that all students whose disability or distance from school requires them to receive necessary transportation do, in fact, receive it;
- 3. to adapt the system to the demands of the instructional program;
- 4. to maintain transportation vehicles in the best possible condition;
- 5. to maintain conditions on the buses which are conducive to the best interest of the students, including mental, moral, and physical considerations;
- 6. to promote a sympathetic public understanding of the entire transportation program, including safety, adequacy, efficiency and standards and service;
- 7. to comply with all state laws and regulations;
- 8. to review at least once a year school bus schedules and routing plans to ensure that maximum efficiency and safety are maintained; and
- 9. to review at least once a year the eligibility for transportation of students residing in the district, to ensure that all entitled to the services receive them.

Amendment:

The District will pick up students in grades K-5 within a half mile radius of the school in the interim period where there are no physical sidewalks on at least one side of the road.

The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for administering the transportation program. The program shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and policies established by federal, state and local authorities.

<u>Cross-ref</u>: 8411, School Bus Scheduling and Routing

Ref: Education Law §§305(14); 1501-b; 1807; 3602(7); 3623; 3635 et seq. Matter of Handicapped Child, 24 EDR 41 Matter of Zakrezewski, 22 EDR 391 Matter of Nowak, 22 EDR 91 Matter of Fox, 19 EDR 439 Adoption date: February 12, 2008