

Maricopa Unified School District Board Policy

Business and Noninstructional Operations

Transportation

BP 3540

The Governing Board desires to provide for the safe and efficient transportation of students to and from school as necessary to ensure student access to the educational program, promote regular attendance and reduce tardiness. The extent to which the district provides for transportation services shall depend upon student and community needs and a continuing assessment of financial resources.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)

(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Agreements)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board the most economical and appropriate means of providing transportation services.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to promote safety for students traveling on school buses.

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the qualifications of bus drivers and related staff employed by the district, provide for the maintenance and operation of district-owned school buses and other equipment, and ensure adequate facilities for equipment storage and maintenance.

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35330 Excursions and field trips

35350 Authority to transport pupils

39800-39860 Transportation, especially:

39800 Powers of governing board to provide transportation for pupils to and from school; definition of "municipally owned transit system"

39801 Contract with County Superintendent of Schools to provide transportation

39802-39803 Bids and contracts for transportation services

39806 Payments to parents in lieu of transportation

39807 Food and lodging payments in lieu of transportation

39807.5 Transportation fees

39808 District transportation of private school students
41850-41854 Allowances for transportation
41860-41862 Supplemental allowances for transportation
45125.1 Criminal background checks for contractors

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14100-14103 Use of school buses and school pupil activity buses

15240-15343 Allowances for student transportation, especially:

15253-15272 District records related to transportation

VEHICLE CODE

2807 School bus inspection

COURT DECISIONS

Arcadia Unified School District et. al. v. State Department of Education, 2 Cal. 4th 251
(1992)

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No student shall be required to be transported for any reason without the written permission of the student's parent/guardian, except in emergency situations involving illness or injury to the student. (Education Code 35350)

Means of Transportation

To provide transportation services, the Governing Board may purchase, rent or lease vehicles; contract with a common carrier or municipally owned transit system; contract with responsible private parties including the parent/guardian of the student being transported; and/or contract with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 35330, 39800, 39801)

In contracting for transportation services, the district shall comply with all applicable laws related to bids and contracts. (Education Code 39802-39803)

(cf. 3311 - Bids)

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

In lieu of providing transportation in whole or in part, the district may pay the student's parents/guardians either their actual and necessary expenses in transporting the student or the cost of the student's food and lodging at a place convenient to the school. In either case, the amount of the payment shall not exceed the cost that would be incurred by the district to provide for the transportation of the student to and from school. (Education Code 39806-39807)

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