

# Maricopa Unified School District

## Administrative Regulation

### Business and Noninstructional Operations

#### Transportation Routes And Services

AR 3541

#### Routes and Bus Stops

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops to promote the safety of students and maximum efficiency in the use of buses.

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For elementary school students:

Grades K-3: one mile

Grades 4-5: two mile

2. For students attending a three-year middle school:

Grades 6-8: two mile

3. For students attending a four-year high school:

Grades 9-12: two miles

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation within the walking distance when safety problems or hazards exist.

Students who attend a school outside their attendance area may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with Board policy.

(cf. 5116.1- Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Agreements)

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules and stops and/or shall arrange for local media to publish such information.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

#### Transportation Services

With the Governing Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)

2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)

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

3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)

4. District employees and parents/guardians traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)

5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)

6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a Regional Occupational Program or Center (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)

7. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)

8. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults for educational purposes other than to and from school (Education Code 39801.5)

9. Private school students, in the same manner and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)

10. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:

a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)

b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education programs. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless children in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation. See BP/AR 6173 - Education for Homeless Children for language implementing this mandate.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900.5 Use of school buses for community recreation

35330 Excursions and field trips

35350 Authority to transport pupils  
39800-39809.5 Transportation, general provisions, especially:  
39800 Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school  
39801.5 Transportation for adults  
39808 Transportation for private school students  
39830-39842 School buses, especially:  
39835 Use of school buses for community recreation  
39837 Transportation to summer employment program  
39837.5 Transportation of employees and parents/guardians to school activities  
39860 Transportation to school activities  
41850-41856 Allowances for transportation  
41860-41863 Supplementary allowances for transportation  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5  
15240-15244 Allowances for student transportation  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42  
11432 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34  
104.4 Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/bus/index.html>

Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: <http://www.ptsi.org>

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