

**CRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

POLICY: ROUTES AND SERVICES

The Board of Education directs the School Business Administrator to supervise development of bus routes to provide safe, economical and reasonably expeditious transportation for:

- A. Pupils who live remote from the schoolhouse as defined by New Jersey law;
- B. Educationally handicapped pupils in accordance with their IEP;
- C. Pupils participating in board-approved extracurricular activities or field trips;
- D. Pupils whose route to the school is deemed hazardous by the board;
- E. Other pupils as required by law.

The criteria to be used in designing routes and assigning pupils to them shall include:

- A. The distance to be traveled to and from school;
- B. The age and state of health of the child;
- C. The requirements of the instructional program;
- D. The hazards involved on the route to be traveled.

On a space-available basis, the Board may transport students who live within statutory limits (courtesy busing). The Board may charge parents/guardians for this service. The charge shall be equitable and include, but not be limited to, the cost of fuel, driver salaries and insurance.

Transportation to and from school shall be provided as required by law to eligible nonpublic school pupils. All pupils riding on district buses shall be required to observe the district's bus conduct regulations or risk loss of the privilege of such transportation.

Buses, whether contracted or district-owned, shall be kept in optimum condition and shall conform to all state safety regulations.

Bus routes must be acted upon by the Board and submitted to the county office.

Courtesy Transportation Along Hazardous Routes

The Board of Education is concerned with the safety of students who walk to and from school along roadways determined to be hazardous routes. The Superintendent of Schools shall work in conjunction with municipal officials to determine the criteria necessary for the classification of a hazardous route and shall maintain a list of all hazardous routes in the district. The Superintendent of Schools shall develop rules and regulations to supply courtesy transportation for students who must walk to and from school along routes designated by the Cranford Public School District to be hazardous routes. The criteria used to determine hazardous routes may include but shall not be limited to the following:

- A. Population density;
- B. Traffic volume;
- C. Average vehicle velocity;
- D. Existence or absence of sufficient sidewalk space;
- E. Roads and highways that are winding or have blind curves;
- F. Roads or highways with steep inclines and declines;
- G. Drop-offs that are close proximity to a sidewalk;

- H. Bridges or overpasses that must be crossed to reach the school;
- I. Train tracks or trestles that must be crossed to reach the school;
- J. Busy roads and highways that must be crossed to reach the school.

Students who would otherwise be required to walk to and from school along routes designated as hazardous shall be included in the calculation of the district's regular vehicle capacity utilization.

Legal References:	<p>N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-25 N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.6 N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>See particularly:</u> N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.2 Through -1.9 N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.6, -23 N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.6 N.J.S.A. 18A:46-23 N.J.S.A. 39:3-10.9 <u>et al.</u> N.J.S.A. 39:3-27 N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq. <u>See particularly:</u> N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1(b), -2.1, -3.1, -5.1, -6.2, -6.3, -6.4, -9.1(e), -11.1, -13.3 N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq.</p>	<p>Transportation aid Transportation (budget line item) Transportation to and from schools Transportation to location or maintenance of vehicular classrooms to obtain services; payment of cost ... Transportation to location or maintenance of vehicular class-rooms to obtain services payment of cost Transportation of pupils; special classes; handicapped children; state aid Conformity with Federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Highway Safety Act of 1986 Free registration of certain vehicles; transfer to other motor vehicles Student Transportation Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts</p> <p><u>Parents for Student Safety, Inc. v. Board of Education of the Morris School District</u>, 1968 <u>S.L.D.</u> (February 5), St. Bd. rev'g 1984 <u>S.L.D.</u> (August 24)</p> <p><u>Parents for Student Safety, Inc. v. Morris Bd. of Ed.</u>, 1986 <u>S.L.D.</u> (February 5), St. Bd. rev'g 1984 <u>S.L.D.</u> (August 24), aff'd App. Div., unreported decision (docket no. A-3257-85-T7, decided February 17, 1987) certif. den. 108 <u>N.J.</u> 180 (1987)</p> <p><u>Wayne Board of Education v. Kraft et al.</u>, docket no. A-94-94, decided April 24, 1995</p> <p><u>Policies and Procedures Manual for Pupil Transportation</u>, N.J. State Department of Education</p> <p><u>Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts</u></p>
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<u>Possible Cross References:</u>	<p>3220/3230 State funds; federal funds 3516 Safety 3541.4 Use of Privately Owned Vehicles in Pupil Transportation 3541.31 Privately owned vehicles 3541.33 Transportation safety 4211 Recruitment, selection and hiring 5200 Nonpublic school pupils 6145 Extracurricular activities 6153 Field trips</p>
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