

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

Administrative Regulation

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BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Transportation Routes and Services

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses, and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

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-6: 1.0 mile

2. For students attending a three-year junior high school:

Grades 7-8: 2.0 miles

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

Grades 9-12: 3.0 miles

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation below these limits when safety problems or hazards exist.

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

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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)
3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)
4. District employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers 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 center or program (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, upon the same terms, in the same manner, and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)

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

- a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)
- b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)
- c. Transportation of government employees to and from their places of employment (Education Code 39840)

Students who attend school outside of their school attendance area or district boundaries may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with district policy.

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program or Section 504 plan. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4, 300.17, 300.34)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless students in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. When the student resides outside of district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district of residence to apportion the responsibility and costs of transportation. (42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine the provision, arrangement, and funding of transportation to enable foster youth to attend their school of origin when it is in the student's best interest to do so. (20 USC 6312)

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