

Transportation for Students with Disabilities

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) shall ensure that appropriate transportation services are provided for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program (IEP) or accommodation plan. SCOE shall make home-to-school transportation available for students at no cost to parents/guardians as specified in the student's IEP.

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria and procedures for determining the most appropriate mode of transportation for an individual student based on identified needs as determined in the IEP or accommodation plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall arrange transportation schedules so that students with disabilities do not spend an excessive amount of time on buses compared to other students. Arrivals and departures shall not reduce the length of the school day for these students except as may be prescribed on an individual basis.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to ensure compatibility between mobile seating devices and bus securement systems.

Transportation for students with disabilities shall be provided in accordance with a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 accommodation plan.

If a disabled student is excluded from school bus transportation, SCOE shall provide alternative transportation at no cost to the student or parent/guardian provided that transportation is specified in the student's IEP.

When contracting with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency to provide special education services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the contract includes general administrative and financial agreements related to the provision of transportation services if specified in the student's IEP.

Guide dogs, signal dogs, and service dogs trained to provide assistance to disabled persons may be transported in a school bus when accompanied by disabled students, disabled teachers, or persons training the dogs.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 39807.5 Payment of transportation cost
- 39839 Guide dogs, signal dogs and service dogs on bus
- 41850-41854 Allowances for transportation
- 48300-48315 Alternative interdistrict attendance program
- 48915.5 Expulsion of students with exceptional needs
- 56195.8 Adoption of policies
- 56327 Assessment for special education and related services
- 56345 Individualized education program
- 56366 Nonpublic nonsectarian schools or agencies
- 56366.1 Waiver of requirements under section 56365 and 56366

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 15050 Transfer of funds to child development fund and development center for handicapped pupils fund
- 15243 Physically handicapped minors
- 15271 Exclusion from report

Policy 3541.2 (Continued)

Legal Reference: (Continued)

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1487 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

571.222 Federal requirements for bus securement systems

Policy Cross-Reference:

0430 Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

3250 Transportation Fees

3540 Transportation

3541 Transportation Routes and Services

3541.1 Transportation for School-Related Trips

3542 School Bus Drivers

5131.1 Bus Conduct

5144.2 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)

6159 Individualized Education Program (IEP)

6159.2 Nonpublic Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education

6164.4 Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education

6164.6 Identification and Education Under Section 504