

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Transportation

The Board of Education will provide transportation for all students who are residents of Pomfret under provisions of state law and regulation, under contract, for all students who qualify for such service.

The Superintendent of Schools shall administer the operation so as to:

1. Provide for maximum safety of students.
2. Supplement and reinforce desirable student behavior patterns.
3. Assist handicapped students appropriately.
4. Enrich the instructional program through carefully planned field trips.

Federal Compliance

Transportation will be provided for homeless students to and from the school of origin as required by the No Child Left Behind Act. These services shall be provided throughout the regularly scheduled school year and day as determined by the Board.

Transportation will be provided for an eligible student who attends a district school out of student's attendance area because his/her home school had been identified as in need of improvement, or the student is a victim of a violent criminal offense occurring in or on the grounds of the school the student attends or the student attends a school identified as persistently dangerous.

Transportation may be provided to eligible students who transfer from a district school to an out-of-district school under a cooperative agreement because their home school has been identified as in need of improvement under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education.

10-220 Duties of boards of education.

14-275 Equipment and color of school buses.

14-275a Use of standard school bus required, when.

14-275b Transportation of handicapped students.

14-275c Regulations re school buses and motor vehicles used to transport special education students.

14-276a (c) Town/school district may require its school bus operators to

have completed a safety training course.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

14-280 Letters and signals to be concealed when not used in transporting children. Signs on other vehicles.

20 U.S.C. NCLB Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title I, Section 1116

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, 42 U.S.C., Sections 11431-11435

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The Board of Education will, in a manner consistent with Section 10-186 of the Connecticut General Statutes, furnish by transportation or otherwise, school accommodations so that each child over five and under twenty-one years of age who resides within the jurisdiction of the Board and is not a graduate of high school or vocational school (or who is not otherwise legally excluded from school) may attend the public schools maintained by the Board pursuant to Section 10-220 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Duties of the Superintendent

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools or designee to manage and supervise the school transportation service and, in connection therewith, to do the following;

- A. Determine eligibility for school transportation in accordance with these guidelines and Section 10-186 of the General Statutes and in compliance with applicable portions of the No Child Left Behind Act pertaining to homeless students and school choice.
- B. Establish school transportation routes and designate locations for pick-up points (bus stops).
- C. Develop, circulate and enforce codes of behavior for those children who are transported to and from school via school transportation.
- D. Develop procedures for responding to requests pertaining to matters of school transportation or other school accommodations.
- E. Give due consideration to requests for extension of school transportation service.
- F. Perform all other duties and responsibilities related to the furnishing of school accommodations by school transportation or otherwise in a manner not inconsistent with Section 10-186 of the Connecticut General Statutes or these guidelines.

Eligibility for School Transportation

All students who are residents of Pomfret are eligible for school transportation.

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Eligibility for Out-of-Town Transportation

- A. Any resident of the school district under twenty-one years of age who is not a high school or vocational school graduate and who is attending a state vocational school shall be eligible for transportation.
- B. A student who is placed by the Planning and Placement Team for special education reasons in either a public or private educational institution out-of-town shall be provided the necessary transportation.
- C. A student who transfers to an out-of-district school under a cooperative arrangement because their District home school has been identified as in need of improvement under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Appeals

Any parent, guardian, student at majority, or any agent or officer whose duty it is to compel the observance of the laws concerning attendance at school may appeal any administrative decision concerning school transportation in the following manner:

- A. Discuss the matter with the Principal of the school to which the student is assigned.
- B. If no resolution is reached under (A) above, discuss the matter with the Superintendent of Schools.

Any parent, guardian, student at majority, or officer whose duty it is to compel the observance of the laws concerning attendance at school, who believes that the Superintendent, or his/her designee, is not furnishing school accommodations, by transportation or otherwise, to himself or herself or to his/her child in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Connecticut or these regulations may, in writing, request a hearing before the Board to show the Board the manner in which the Superintendent has so failed to furnish such accommodations.

The Board shall hold a hearing within then (10) days following receipt of such request.

The hearing before the Board will be in compliance with the provisions of Section 4-177 to 4-180 inclusive of the Connecticut General Statutes.

A stenographic record or tape recording shall be made of such hearing.

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6. Routes and Services

Regard for safety of students is a basic element of these regulations.

Bus stops may be located at more frequent intervals to reduce student congestion at the stop, or for other reasons of safety as determined by the Board.

School transportation services are provided exclusively for the benefit and safety of the student population, and are to be used only in support of programs authorized by and under the auspices of the School Board. The bus ride from home to school and school to home shall not exceed one hour.

Preschool through grade eight students may ride buses other than their own only at the convenience of the school district in accordance with bus safety regulations. For safety reasons, a written request must be submitted by the parent to the Principal of the school for his/her official approval each time a child's bus schedule is changed. Exceptions to written requests will be made only on an emergency basis. Grade 9–11 students residing outside of Pomfret may not use student transportation. In the event of a significant bus problem transporting a child the parent shall be notified immediately.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-76d re transportation for special education program services.

10-97 Transportation to vocational schools.

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to the state board. Establishment of a hearing board.

10-220 Duties of boards of education.

10-220c Transportation of children over private roads. Immunity from liability.

10-273a Reimbursement for transportation to and from elementary and secondary schools.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

10-280a Transportation for students in non-profit private schools outside the school district.

10-281 Transportation for students in non-profit private schools within school district.

14-275a Use of standard school bus required, when.

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