



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Student Transportation Services

The River Valley School District shall provide regular transportation services to all resident students residing two or more miles from their school of attendance. Students with exceptional educational needs, private school students, homeless students, and students residing in areas of unusual hazards shall also be transported in accordance with state statutes.

Transportation will be provided to other students as required or authorized by Board policy, and by state and federal laws and regulation.

The district will not provide transportation to non-resident students participating in the full-time open enrollment program except:

- The District may, if the student's family gets the student to our district boundaries and there is no additional ride time for our resident students.
- River Valley will not enter the boundaries of the resident district for the purpose of picking up and dropping off open enrolled students.
- Open enrollment students with disabilities will be provided transportation only if required as part of their IEP.

Unless required by state and federal laws and regulation, River Valley will not enter the boundaries of another district for the purpose of picking up and dropping off students, nor will the district permit other districts to enter into River Valley for the purpose of picking up and dropping off open enrolled students, or for any other reason.

The District Administrator will work with the transportation contractor to approve bus routes for the school district. Routes shall be arranged by the transportation contractor in such a way as to equalize, as nearly as possible, the length of routes and size of loads to provide for efficient utilization of buses with final approval of the District Administrator.

The owner or lessee of all privately owned motor vehicles shall be under written contract with the School Board for which such transportation is provided. The contract must specify that the owner or lessee is obligated to perform any action necessary to fulfill its obligation under Wis. Stats. Section 121.555.

All contracts for bus services, either between the District and its employees or between the District and a private entity contracted for the purpose of providing transportation services must be in the form prescribed by the Department of Transportation and specify that all parties to the contract are at all times subject to the rules adopted by the Secretary of Transportation under Wis. Stats. 110.06(2) and by the Department.

All contracts for transportation services between the District and a private entity shall contain provisions requiring that the owner or lessee of the privately owned motor vehicles assure that all operators of said vehicles are subject to drug testing in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation regulation and the Omnibus Transportation

Employee Testing Act (OTETA). The contract shall require that the owner or lessee provide the District with its drug testing policy for approval.

District Owned Vehicles Used for Transporting Students

All operators of motor vehicles owned by the District and used for transportation of students shall be subject to the provisions of 121.555, Wis. Stats.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.76(3) Wisconsin Statutes
121.51 - 121.56
Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973
IDEA
McKinney-Vento Act

CROSS REF.: Policy #423 Public School Open Enrollment
Policy #443.2 - Student Conduct on School Buses
Policy #751 Rule Bus Routing Guidelines
Policy #751.2 – Co-curricular Transportation

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