

# Palmyra Area School District

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION

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<p>1. Purpose SC 1361</p> <p>2. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 23.4 SC 1361</p> <p>3. Authority</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">810. TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>It is the policy of the Board to provide transportation for eligible students.</p> <p>Transportation for students shall be provided in accordance with Public School Code and within the following guidelines:</p> <p>The Board shall contract school bus services for the transportation of students to and from school at regularly scheduled hours and for the transportation of students on field trips, athletic trips and <b>after school activity runs.</b></p> <p>Free transportation will be furnished to eligible students according to laws set forth in the current School Code, including any amendments, and Regulations of the State Board of Education (Chapter 23).</p> <p>As a basic requirement, public and non-public students educated in elementary schools must reside within transportation area as designated by PDE and students educated in secondary schools must live 2 miles or more from their assigned school in order to qualify for district transportation. <b>In the instance of non-public students, distance is measured from the public school building located within the district to which they would be assigned.</b></p> <p>Qualified special needs students will be transported regardless of location.</p> <p><u>Exceptions to Establish Transportation Eligibility Requirements</u></p> <p>The following policy shall apply to the transportation of school students to and from residences other than that of their legal residence.</p> <p>1. The other residence/location shall be located at or near an established stop along a regularly scheduled bus route. No new stops will be created specifically for students at "other" residences or stops.</p>
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2. The bus shall not exceed legal student capacity requirements as the result of allowing these students to ride. **Students may only ride the bus to which they have been assigned.**

3. Students shall relinquish their riding privileges if and when it becomes apparent that the bus is reaching its legal limit because of an increase in the number of students from “legal” residences/stops.

4. **Students will only be assigned to one route/bus.**

5. Special needs students will be accommodated on an individual basis as required by law.

6. In all cases, the district reserves the right to make the sole determination regarding the transportation of such students.

The Board will also provide transportation for students residing within the limits of this policy when the walking conditions to the school are found to be hazardous by the Department of Transportation.

The school bus driver shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are being transported to or from school. In accordance with the regulations of the State Board of Education. The Board authorizes that school bus drivers may be accompanied by their minor children.

A student may be suspended from bus transportation by the principal for disciplinary reasons, in which case the parents are responsible for the student’s transportation.

The following rules apply to pupils who ride school buses:

1. At the discretion of the bus driver, students may be assigned seats.

2. While waiting for the bus, remain at a safe distance from the road.

3. Board the bus only when it has come to a complete stop.

4. When riding the bus, obey the rules. The driver, with the exception of when a professional educator is present, is responsible for the order on his/her bus. Hands and head are to remain inside the bus at all times.

5. Students **MUST** ride on assigned buses unless special arrangements are made in advance with the transportation department.

6. Remain in the seat until the bus comes to a complete stop.

7. Students shall not litter buses with papers, particles of food, etc. Students shall not consume any food or drink on the buses.

8. When crossing the road, look both ways to ensure that no vehicles are

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coming. Cross the street while in full view of the bus.

9. Pupils who continually display inappropriate behavior will be denied the privilege of riding the bus.

10. Bus drivers are supplied with conduct violation cards to be issued when rules are violated. No student who has been issued a card shall be readmitted to the bus until action has been taken and the card is signed by the principal.

The Superintendent or designee shall:

Promulgate rules to govern the number of chaperones to accompany students in connection with school related activities.

Prepare a map of the district indicating each bus stop and bus route or prepare a schedule of bus stops and an itinerary of bus routes to be used in conjunction with a district map.

Promulgate rules governing student conduct during transport to and from school; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the District.