

1 8100 NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS/SCHOOL FACILITIES

2 Transportation

3 The District may provide transportation to and from school for a student who:

- 4 1. resides three (3) or more miles, over the shortest practical route, from the nearest operating
5 public elementary or public high school.
- 6 2. is a student with a disability, whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) identifies transportation
7 as a related service; or
- 8 3. has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services.

9 The District may elect to reimburse the parent or guardian of a student who may be reimbursed for
10 individually transporting any eligible student.

11 The type of transportation provided by the District may be by a school bus or other vehicle, or by such
12 individual transportation as paying the parent or guardian for individually transporting the pupil. The
13 Board may pay room and board reimbursements, provide supervised correspondence study or provide
14 supervised home study. The Board may authorize children attending an approved private school to ride
15 a school bus provided that space is available, and a fee to cover the per-seat cost for such transportation
16 is collected. The District may transport and charge for an ineligible public school student, provided that
17 the parent or guardian pays a proportionate share of transportation services. Fees that are collected for
18 the transportation of ineligible students shall be deposited in the transportation fund. Transportation
19 issues that cannot be resolved by the trustees may be appealed to the county transportation committee.

20 **Homeless**

21 Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
22 and state law.

23 **Children in Foster Care**

24 The Superintendent will appoint a Point of Contact (POC) to coordinate activities relating to the District's
25 provisions of services to children placed in foster care, including transportation services. The
26 Superintendent, or designee, will inform the Department of Health and Human Services who is the POC
27 for the District. The District will collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services when
28 transportation is required to maintain children placed in foster care in a school of origin outside their usual
29 attendance area or District when in the best interest of the student. Under the supervision of the
30 Superintendent/designee, the POC will invite appropriate District officials, the Department of Health and
31 Human Services POC, and officials from other districts to consider how such transportation is to be
32 arranged and funded in a cost-effective manner.

33 If there are additional costs to be incurred in providing transportation to maintain a student in the school
34 of origin, the District will provide transportation to such school if:

- 35 • The Department agrees to reimburse the District for the cost of such transportation;
- 36 • The District agrees to pay for the cost of such transportation; or
- 37 • The District and the Department agree to share the cost of such transportation.

38 **Definitions**

39 "Homeless" means an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

1 “Foster Care” means 24-hour care for children placed away from their parents, guardians, or person
2 exercising custodial control or supervision and for whom the Department has placement care and
3 responsibility.

4 “School of origin” means the school in which a child is enrolled at the time of becoming homeless or at
5 the time of placement in foster care.

6 While “Best Interest” is not defined in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), that determination shall take
7 into account all relevant factors, including consideration of the appropriateness of the current educational
8 setting, and the proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of foster care placement.

9 Legal Reference:

10 § 20-10-101, MCA Definitions

11 § 20-10-121, MCA Duty of trustees to provide transportation - types of transportation - bus riding time
12 limitation

13 § 20-10-122, MCA Discretionary provision of transportation and payment for this transportation

14 § 20-10-123, MCA Provision of transportation for nonpublic school children

15 10.7.101, et seq., ARM Pupil transportation

16 10.64.101 through 700, et seq., ARM Transportation

17 42 U.S.C. § 11431, et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

18 ESSA Public Law 114-95, December 10, 2015

19 Cross Reference:

20 Policy 3125 - Education of Homeless Children

21 Policy History:

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