

Guidelines for Transportation to Non-Public Schools

Under State Education Law, the Board of Education is required to provide transportation for resident pupils who attend non-public schools.

15 Mile Rule:

Transportation is provided to non-public schools when the distance from the center of the pupil's driveway to the drop-off point at the school is fifteen miles (15) or less. The distance is measured by the nearest available publicly maintained route. The parent is responsible for transportation of the pupil to/from a designated pick-up point if required.

Application for Busing for Transportation

All reasonable means shall continue to be employed to notify district residents and, in particular, parents of children currently attending private and parochial schools of the relevant deadlines for filing of an application for transportation. April 1 is the deadline for non-public school students receiving transportation and who desire to continue for the next school year. The April deadline applies to students living within the district who may be considering non-public attendance for the following school year. An application should be filed, even if the parent (guardian) has not made a final decision. The deadline for requests for transportation from new residents of the district is thirty (30) days after establishing residence in the district. The school district continues to permit parents of non-public school children to submit transportation requests for more than one (1) school by the April 1 deadline and/or permit parents to transfer the original request by the April 1 deadline. However, all requests must be finalized no later than May 15 of each school year.

A child must be five years old on or before December 1 of the school year for which busing is requested to be eligible for busing (same as public school). All children, for whom proper written application is made before the appropriate deadlines as provided for in Education Law and for distances within the limits specified in the Education Law, shall be assured of receiving the requested transportation.

If a parent has made appropriate application for a respective non-public school by April 1 and then, for whatever reason, moves within the school district, a new application for transportation from the new address should be made, as soon as possible, and must be made within thirty (30) days of the move to ensure busing.