

Business OperationsTransportation

The Arlington Public Schools' transportation system shall comply with existing Nebraska statutes and state department rules and regulations.

Arlington Public Schools shall provide school bus transportation for resident students attending Arlington Public Schools who live at least one mile from the school and outside of city limits. The transportation system shall provide a service promoting safe and healthful pupil transportation and contribute to the operational economy and efficiency of Arlington Public Schools.

Arlington Public Schools shall also provide transportation without cost for resident children who attend St. Paul's Lutheran School. Such transportation shall extend only from some point on the regular public school bus route nearest or most easily accessible to their homes to and from a point on the regular bus route nearest or most easily accessible to St. Paul's Lutheran School. Transportation for St. Paul's students is only provided at times when transportation is being provided for Arlington Public School students.

Option students may be bused if they live directly on a school district regular bus route or parent/guardians transport their child(ren) to some point on the regular bus route as determined by the district to be safe and there is room on the bus.

Nonresident students attending St. Paul's Lutheran School may be bused if they live directly on the school district regular bus route or parent/guardians transport their child(ren) to some point on the regular bus route as determined by the district to be safe and if the desired pupil capacity on the bus is maintained. Such transportation shall extend only from some point on the regular public school bus route nearest or most easily accessible to their homes to and from a point on the regular bus route nearest or most easily accessible to St. Paul's Lutheran School. There will be an annual fee assessed for these services. The fee is 'in addition' to the shuttle bus fees assessed by St. Paul's. Resident students and option students will be given priority consideration when determining capacities.

A student may be required, at the board's discretion, to transport to a location for pick-up and drop-off without reimbursement as per state law.

School buses and district vans shall be used to transport pupils to and from school for school activities.

School district buses will not operate when weather conditions or other natural elements make it unsafe to do so. The final judgment as to when conditions are unsafe to operate will be made by the superintendent. The superintendent will be assisted by the actual "on location" decisions and reports of the transportation director.

Standing authorization shall be granted by the board to school administrators, school nurses and other personnel designated by the superintendent to transport students in private vehicles when, in the opinion of the school personnel, this is necessary.

Transportation – Safe Driving Record Standard

Standard for Pupil Transportation Vehicle Drivers: Each person who is required to have a permit to operate a pupil transportation vehicle for this School District shall meet all requirements to hold and continue to hold a pupil transportation operator's permit. One of the requirements for obtaining such a permit is that the person has a record of satisfactory driving as determined by Board policy. Each person who transports students on an irregular basis and who is not required to hold a pupil transportation operator's permit shall have a record of satisfactory driving as determined by Board policy. For such persons mentioned above, a satisfactory driving record means a record which reflects the absence of any of the following offenses or circumstances:

1. Motor vehicle homicide;
2. Driving while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or drugs or refusal to submit to a chemical test, within the immediate prior 10 years; or,
3. Reckless driving or willful reckless, within the immediate prior 10 years; or
4. Accumulation of five or more points under the motor vehicle operator's license point system within the immediate prior four years. In the event the person has accumulated three or four points within the immediate prior four years, the determination of whether the person has a satisfactory driving record shall be made by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee based on the nature and proximity of the offense as it relates to safe transportation.

Standard for Drivers of Other School Vehicles: Each person who drives a school vehicle other than a pupil transportation vehicle and does not transport students in the vehicle shall be precluded from driving in the event it is discovered that the person does not have a record of satisfactory driving. In the event that the person's employment position requires driving vehicles as a function of the person's employment, the employment may be terminated in the absence of a record of satisfactory driving. For such persons, a satisfactory driving record means a record which reflects the absence of any of the following offenses or circumstances:

1. Motor vehicle homicide;
2. Driving while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or drugs or refusal to submit to a chemical test, within the immediate prior 5 years; or,
3. Reckless driving or willful reckless, within the immediate prior 5 years; or
4. Accumulation of six or more points under the motor vehicle operators' license point system within the immediate prior four years. In the event the person has accumulated 3, 4, or 5 points within the immediate prior four years, the determination of whether the person has a satisfactory driving record shall be made by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee

based on the nature and proximity of the offense as it relates to safe transportation.

The record of satisfactory driving standards shall apply to all new employees from and after adoption of this policy. Existing employees shall be subject to the same standards, provided that the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee may determine to permit an exception based on the existing employee's record of satisfactory driving while employed with the District and the nature and proximity of prior driving offenses as such offenses relate to safe transportation.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-318, §79-601, §79-602, §79-607, §79-608, §79-611
Neb. Rev. Stat. Section §60-4, 182 (Point System)
Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 91

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