



Summary of Expectations for Transportation Provision

This informational overview is a general reference guide intended only to clarify for schools relevant legal and contractual obligations, including OPSB Policy. It is NOT a substitute for understanding federal and state guidelines and/or the appropriate state and local policies nor is it a comprehensive description of all applicable legal and contractual obligations. Additionally, it is not meant to explain or delineate OPSB strategic priorities.

OPSB expects that all Charter Schools, unless otherwise exempted, provide free transportation for all students. School transportation must be in compliance with guidelines outlined in OPSB Policy HA and Bulletin 119 - *Louisiana School Transportation Specifications and Procedures*.

<p>Schools must meet the following transportation requirements for students*:</p> <p>All Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free and adequate transportation to all students residing in Orleans Parish and more than one mile from the school’s physical location • Acceptable methods of transportation provision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grades K – 6: Free transportation by a vehicle approved for student transportation via Bulletin 119 ○ Grades 7 – 12: Free transportation, free public transportation and/or reimbursements <p>Students With Disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whatever transportation is necessary to implement any IEP without regard for how far the child resides from the school <p>Schools with Admissions Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free and adequate transportation to any requesting student enrolled in the charter school if the student resides more than one mile from the school’s physical location • The transportation provided may include payment and/or reimbursement of the cost of access to public transportation
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<p>School Bus Safety - Prohibitions</p> <p>Each charter school must adopt policies and procedures, or make provisions to its bus transportation agreement, that include the following:</p> <p>Students SHOULD be loaded or unloaded -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a shoulder, in a school parking lot, or at another appropriate off-road location at the school <i>(does not apply if the shoulder of a municipal road is the only available alternative and the municipality has not made the shoulder available by designating that area for loading and unloading students during designated school zone hours)</i>. • On a shoulder, at or near their homes, while the bus is in a traffic lane unless the shoulder has been deemed less safe by a governing authority. If there is no shoulder or if the shoulder is determined to be less safe, a bus driver may load and unload students only if the bus is in the lane farthest to the right side of the road. <p>Students SHOULD NOT be loaded or unloaded -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a traffic lane of any type of street during school hours or near the student’s home. • In a location on a divided highway where the student would be required to cross a roadway of the highway on which traffic is not controlled by the visual signals on the school bus.

*Applicable for each new, extended, or renewed Charter School Operating Agreement executed on or after January 1, 2016.

Reference(s): La. R.S. 17:158(J); Bulletin 119; OPSB Charter Agreement, and OPSB Policy HA

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