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The Board of Education shall transport eligible pupils to and from school and school-related activities in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1 et seq. and Board policy. Transportation shall be provided only to eligible public and nonpublic school pupils, authorized school staff members and adults serving as approved chaperones.

Nonpublic school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.1 et seq.

Charter or renaissance school transportation or aid in lieu of transportation shall be provided for resident students in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-3.1 et seq.

The Board may provide transportation to and from school for public school students less than remote.

The Board of Education shall provide transportation to and from school to district pupils in the elementary, intermediate and middle school who live more than 2 miles from the school they attend and those in grades 9-12 who live more than 2 1/2 miles from the high school. The Board may execute its discretion to offer transportation to students who live closer than this standard.

The Board will transport students certified by a physician as temporarily disabled regardless of the distance between their home and school if there is busing available.

Students with special needs shall be provided transportation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq., and with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-5.1.

The Board will approve all bus routes each school year. Bus routes for all non-remote students who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes will be designated and approved by the Board. The Board may consider, but shall not be limited to, the criteria outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1.5 in determining "Hazardous Routes."

The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of nonresident students to or from school, except that transportation to and from school will be provided for homeless students; students residing in group homes; students residing in resource family homes; and students residing in shared custody homes pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5.

The Board may require the compilation of a list of the names of students being transported by a school bus to a school-sponsored activity, including but not limited to field trips. The staff member(s) supervising the school-sponsored activity shall create a list of students on each school bus and submit it to the Principal or designee, and the Principal or designee shall maintain the list for use in the case of an emergency in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.5.

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The Board will consider the provision of transportation to those pupils not otherwise provided transportation by this policy when the board determines walking conditions to be hazardous.

Hazardous routes for all non-remote pupils will be determined by the Board after consultation with the Hillsborough Township Police Department.

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When the schools of this district are closed for inclement weather or other conditions, no transportation will be provided for pupils enrolled in any public, nonpublic and/or charter school and/or renaissance school.

The Board shall utilize cooperative/coordinated transportation services in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-11.1 et seq and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-10.1 et seq. The Board shall utilize one of the agencies prior to determining to pay aid in lieu of transportation if in the prior year payments in lieu of transportation were provided. The Board will provide cooperative/coordinated transportation services any unique limitations or restrictions of the required transportation.

Vehicles used to transport students to and from school or school-related activities shall meet standards, registration, and inspection requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC), and any applicable Federal regulations. The operation and fiscal management of the district's transportation system shall be conducted in strict accordance with rules of the New Jersey State Board of Education and the NJDOE.

In addition to the provisions of any State law, rule or regulation containing more stringent requirements, provided that those requirements are compatible with Federal law, and notwithstanding the provisions of

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any State law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, school bus operations in the State shall comply with the requirements outlined in N.J.S.A. 39:3B-27.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.; 18A:39-1 et seq.; 18A:39-11.1 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 27:15-16

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-1 et seq.; 39:3B-2.1; 39:3B-10; 39:3B-27

N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.1 et seq.; 6A:27-2.1 et seq.; 6A:27-3.1 et seq.;

6A:27-4.1 et seq.; 6A:27-5.1; 6A:27-6.2 through 6.5;

6A:27-7.1 et seq.; 6A:27-9.1 et seq.; 6A:27-10.1 et seq.;

6A:27-11.1 et seq.; 6A:27-12.1 et seq.

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HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTE DESIGNATION

The designation of hazardous routes shall be made by the Board after consultation with the Hillsborough Township Police Department.

At the elementary and intermediate school level:

1. No student will walk across a roadway on which the posted speed is 35 MPH or greater unless there is a crossing guard or controlled intersection.
2. No student will walk across Route 206, Amwell Road, Triangle Road or Auten Road.

At the middle school level:

1. No student will walk across a roadway on the posted speed is 35 MPH or greater unless there is a crossing guard or controlled intersection.
2. No student will walk across Route 206, Triangle Road or Auten Road.

At the high school level:

1. No student will walk across a roadway on which the posted speed is 35 MPH or greater unless there is a crossing guard or controlled intersection.
2. No student will walk across Route 206.

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