

POLICY

Upper Freehold Regional Board of Education

Section: Operations

8613. WAIVER OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

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The Board of Education is required to provide transportation services for the school year to an elementary pupil living more than two miles from the public school of attendance or to a secondary school pupil living more than two and one-half miles from the public school of attendance in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.

The Board shall determine pupil transportation needs and approve pupil transportation routes based on all pupils eligible for transportation in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and any less than remote, courtesy busing, and/or hazardous route transportation determined by the Board of Education. However, while providing school bus seats for those pupils eligible for transportation each school year, the Board recognizes certain pupils eligible for transportation services voluntarily elect not to use the transportation services offered by the Board resulting in empty seats on school buses going to and from school. To assist the Board in operating the school district's transportation system in the most cost-effective manner, the Board may provide a pupil's parent/guardian the option of waiving transportation services for that school year in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1c. In the event the Board provides this option, a pupil's parent/guardian will be required to sign a written statement indicating the pupil waives transportation services for that school year. The written statement shall be in such form as determined by the New Jersey Department of Education.

In the event a parent/guardian of a pupil eligible for transportation services waives transportation services for that school year and circumstances change during that school year due to a family or economic hardship, the school district will reinstate the pupil's eligibility for transportation to and from school.

~~In adopting its policy, the school district may consider, but is not limited to, the following requirements:~~

- ~~1. Waivers and reinstatements are subject to board approval.~~
- ~~2. Criteria for determining family or economic hardship.~~
- ~~3. Submission of proof of family or economic hardship.~~
- ~~4. The acceptance of more than one waiver and reinstatement within the school year.~~

~~5. The length of time between the receipt of the Reinstatement of Transportation Services Request Form and the estimated start date of transportation.~~

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1; 18A:39-1c

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