

## **Business and Non-Instructional Operations**

### **Transportation**

#### **Routes and Service**

The New Haven Board of Education establishes the following guidelines concerning reasonable and desirable transportation for students with reference to walking distances in accordance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-186:

- Transportation will be provided for students in grades K through 4 who live more than one mile walking distance from the school
- Transportation will be provided for students in grades 5 through 8 who live more than one and one-half miles walking distance from the school
- Transportation will be provided for students in grades 9 through 12 who live more than two miles walking distance from the school

Also, transportation will be provided for distances shorter than the above when walking is considered to be hazardous due to conditions such as a lack of sidewalks on highways or main streets, or the lack of sidewalks on street where there are hills, which may block a motor vehicle operator's view of pedestrians.

In addition to the above transportation required for distance, the New Haven Public Schools will provide reasonable and desirable transportation for students enrolled in special mandated programs including the use of medicars when necessary.

Transportation will be provided where it is considered reasonable and desirable for students who attend school out of their school district and are enrolled in a special program which is authorized by the Board of Education. However, transportation will not be provided for students who attend a school other than the one in their own district under some special, separate agreement.

The Board of Education reserves the right to determine and change the type of transportation offered when it is considered feasible to do so, such as issuing passes or reimbursing students who ride regular Connecticut Transit buses, using contractual school buses or providing taxi service.

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#### **Routes and Service (continued)**

Decisions regarding whether or not transportation will be provided by the Department of Education will be made by the support services' officer in consultation with the Assistant Superintendent-Business, the school principal, and the appropriate Director of the school involved. Parents may appeal to the Board of Education if they do not agree with the decision by submitting a written request to the Superintendent. Upon such a request, the President of the Board of Education shall order a hearing within 10 days after receipt of the request. The hearing shall be held before one or more members of the Board of Education to be designated by the President, in accordance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-186. The Board of Education shall make a finding within ten days after such hearing.

In accordance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-186, an aggrieved person may appeal the Board of Education's decision to the State Board of Education.

*Legal References:* Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 10-97; 19-186; 10-187; 10-220; 10-273A; 10-277; 10-281; 14-275, et seq.; 16-309B; 53-198; P.A. 75-639; P.A. 78-201s; P.A. 78-278s

*Charter of the City of New Haven, Art. XXIX, § 150*