

TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

When authorizing special transportation for students with disabilities, the individualized education program (IEP) team or Section 504 committee shall consider, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. The student's safety and health needs
2. The extent to which transportation arrangements may help the student develop independent mobility skills
3. The student's difficulty in using regular transportation services
4. The coordination of regular and special transportation

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program (IEP))

Disabled students who do not meet any of the above criteria may use regular home-to-school transportation.

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

When a disabled student is excluded from school bus transportation due to expulsion, the district shall provide alternative transportation at no cost to the student or parent/guardian. (Education Code 48915.5)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Disabilities))

When contracting with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency to provide special education services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the contract includes general administrative and financial agreements related to the provision of transportation services specified in the student's IEP. (Education Code 56366)

Guide dogs, signal dogs and service dogs trained to provide assistance to disabled persons may be transported in a school bus when accompanied by disabled students, disabled teachers or persons training the dogs. (Education Code 39839)