Bridger School District

Transportation

The District may provide transportation to and from school for a student who:

1. Resides three (3) or more miles, over the shortest practical route, from the nearest operating public elementary or public high school;

2. Is a student with a disability, whose IEP identifies transportation as a related service; or

3. Has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services.

The District may elect to reimburse the parent or guardian of a student for individually transporting any eligible student.

The District may provide transportation by school bus or other vehicle or through individual transportation such as paying the parent or guardian for individually transporting the student. The Board may pay board and room reimbursements, provide supervised correspondence study, or provide supervised home study. The Board may authorize children attending an approved private school to ride a school bus, provided that space is available and a fee to cover the per-seat cost for such transportation is collected. The District may transport and charge for an ineligible public school student, provided the parent or guardian pays a proportionate share of transportation services. Fees collected for transportation of ineligible students shall be deposited in the transportation fund. Transportation issues that cannot be resolved by the trustees may be appealed to the county transportation committee.

Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and state law.

In-Town Busing

In-town busing is defined as the busing of students within three (3) miles of their school. In-town busing is a privilege the District can discontinue at any time. The Superintendent will establish guidelines under which a student may request in-town busing.

Legal Reference:	§ 20-7-441, MCA	Special education child eligibility for transportation
	§ 20-10-101, MCA	Definitions
	§ 20-10-121, MCA	Duty of trustees to provide transportation – types of transportation – bus riding time limitation

§ 20-10-122, MCA	Discretionary provision of transportation and payment for this transportation
§ 20-10-123, MCA	Provision of transportation for nonpublic school children
10.7.101, et seq., ARM	Pupil transportation
10.64.101-700, et seq., ARM	Transportation
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110)	

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