

## Student Transportation

Although the statutes of the state of Colorado do not require a board of education to furnish student transportation services, the Board of Education of Monte Vista School District C-8 may provide student transportation services to students of the district and shall establish policies for the operation of the student transportation service.

The school district's transportation program shall be designed to get students who live beyond the designated walking distance from school, to school and back in an efficient, safe and economical manner.

General responsibility for the transportation system is vested in the superintendent. All other people engaged in the transportation program are responsible to that administrator. In establishing transportation policies, it is recognized that:

1. Eligible students are enjoying a privilege granted by the Board of Education and not a guaranteed right under Colorado State law.
2. Transportation should be provided for students who reside within the district, but beyond the designated bus-eligible boundary. See policy EEA.
3. State and federal laws, rules and regulations governing the education of disabled students contain special requirements not applicable to the general education program.
4. Transportation to and from any location other than the students' designated residence or regular bus drop off shall be provided only on the approval of the Board and upon such conditions as the Board may specify.

It shall be the duty of the superintendent to provide the Board with regular reports and information regarding the efficiency and conduct of the transportation program.

The district shall operate its own fleet of buses and other types of vehicles as needed.

In the event the Board determines that the unreimbursed expenses associated with providing student transportation are impacting the budget for instructional programs, the Board may explore opportunities to offset those costs through imposition of a transportation fee in accordance with state law.

Alternatively, the district may submit to the voters the question of whether to impose a mill levy increase for the payment of excess transportation costs in accordance with state law. If the mill levy increase is approved, the revenues shall be deposited in the transportation fund.

The district shall waive any transportation fee for any student eligible for reduced price or free lunches as determined by federal regulations.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(a) (hold real property in name of district)  
C.R.S. 22-32-113 (transportation of pupils and imposition of fee for excess  
transportation costs)  
C.R.S. 22-32-114 (transportation by parents of own children)  
C.R.S. 22-51-101 et seq. (Public School Transportation Fund)

CROSS REFS.: EEA, subcodes, (all relate to the district's transportation program)  
EFC, Free and Reduced Price Food Services  
JQ, Student Fees, Fines and Charges