

# **POLICY EEA**

## **Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools**

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**Related Entries:** EEA-R, EEB, EEB-R, EEAFA, EEAFA-R  
**Responsible Office:** Associate Superintendent for Operations

### **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

To provide safe and responsive school bus or district transportation for eligible students within the school district and to comply with federal and state statutes.

#### **II. BACKGROUND**

Student transportation is a privilege, not a right, and is extended to qualified students who are eligible pursuant to state law. School buses and school-owned vehicles shall be considered an extension of the school and therefore, students shall conduct themselves on the school bus or vehicle in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Furthermore, the school district is responsible for establishing the operational expectations for contracted bus services.

#### **III. POSITION**

- A. The school district shall determine student ridership eligibility based on state statute and approved school attendance boundaries.
- B. School bus routes, location of bus stops, and the times for bus pickup and delivery of students shall be aligned with established school district attendance boundaries, school hours, and Board-approved school calendars.
- C. Under special circumstances, or for specific program needs (i.e., charter, magnet, or alternative programs), the district may provide bus service across attendance boundaries for valid educational reasons, as approved by the Superintendent or designee, based on available funding.
- D. A disciplinary process with regard to student behavior on buses or in school vehicles, including an option for an appeal, shall be established. Students in violation of transportation rules and regulations may have their transportation suspended and/or revoked.
- E. As per state statute, the district may contract with school bus fleet owners, with individual school bus owner-operators or both. The Board of Education shall approve all contracts, not to exceed five years, prior to the beginning of the school year.
- F. School bus drivers shall comply with federal and state statutes and school district policies.
- G. No unauthorized persons shall be permitted on school buses.

- I. The transporting of students by district employees shall comply with state statute or regulation and/or district policy and regulation. (See also Policy EEB, Business and Personnel Transportation)
- J. The Superintendent shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

**IV. REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



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*Board of Education, President*

November 13, 2012

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*Date Approved*

**History:** Formerly Policy 274: Transportation of Students, and Policy 276: Transportation of Students by School Employees, revised 6.1.04; New Policy EEA: Student Transportation, 11.13.12

**Legal Reference:** 22.16.1-11 NMSA 1978, 6.41.4 NMAC