

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

It is the goal of Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) to ensure that all children have access to a high quality education. Although the provision of transportation for pupils is not required by the state Constitution as part of a thorough and uniform system of free public schools, the District 11 Board of Education (the Board) provides transportation services. As such, the District's transportation program shall be designed to transport students who live an unreasonable distance (as defined by Board policy or regulation) from their attendance area boundary assigned school, and/or to meet the requirements of state and federal law. Transportation shall be designed to transport students to school and back in a safe, reliable, efficient, and effective manner.

General responsibility for the transportation system is vested in the Superintendent. All other people engaged in the transportation program are responsible to the Director of Transportation. Services provided shall be in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations and generally accepted school transportation best practices.

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. The Board may submit to the voters the question of whether to impose a mill levy for the payment of excess transportation costs or impose a transportation fee in accordance with state law. If the mill levy is approved and/or a fee imposed, the revenues collected shall be deposited in the transportation fund.

The District shall waive any transportation fee for any student eligible for a reduced-cost meal or free meal as determined by federal regulations. Fees shall also be waived for students who require transportation services in compliance with federal laws and regulations.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(a)
C.R.S. 22-32-113
C.R.S. 22-32-114
C.R.S. 22-40-101 to 110
C.R.S. 22-51-101 to 111
20 U.S.C. 1116 (choice options contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)

CROSS REFS.: DBGA, Budget Referenda
EEAA, Transportation Eligibility

EEAB, Special Needs Student Transportation
EF-R, Food and Nutrition Service
JC, School Attendance Areas
JFBA/JFBB, School Choice – Open Enrollment and Transfers
LBD-R, Relations with Charter Schools