

# Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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## TRANSPORTATION

### POLICY

The Board has the responsibility to establish a safe pupil transportation program, including management, general operation, maintenance of school buses and other transportation vehicles, training of personnel, pupil management, staff qualifications, and emergency procedures for students (age 3 through age 21) in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws. The nature and extent of transportation services to be provided each individual served shall be determined through the Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Service Plan (ISP) process. The determination shall be reviewed annually.

If a determination is made through a student's (age 3 through age 21) Individual Education Plan (IEP), or the Individual Service Plan (ISP), that transportation other than Board provided transportation is a necessary part of that person's education or services, then the Board shall provide reimbursement for transportation to the parent or guardian (if applicable). Under these circumstances, a written agreement between the Board and the parent, guardian or authorized service provider shall be obtained prior to the provision of such transportation services (if applicable).

Provided there has been a prior agreement between a parent, or other person having care of a child, and the superintendent, or his/her designee; an individual with the Board who is willing to transport himself or herself by walking, riding public transportation, or in other ways to successfully reach the site where services and supports are received may not be required to ride the transportation vehicles provided by the Board.

No person's transportation service may be suspended, except by the superintendent or his/her designee, and then only for the protection of the individual's physical well-being or others' physical well-being. Such suspension shall be only for the minimum amount of time required to correct the harmful conditions or to conclude a change in services and supports that are needed.

References: OAC 3301-83 Pupil Transportation

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