TRANSPORTATION AND BUS DISCIPLINE

The Clearview Regional School Board recognizes that transportation to and from school is required for the promotion of education by convenient access, the safeguarding of children, and the partial equalization of inequities among students, which may have been caused by the placement of school facilities.

The Clearview Regional School Board shall provide for the transportation of students from home to school, and from school to home, at the beginning and ending of the school day, and for the transportation of pupils on field trips and athletic trips. Under certain conditions, a pupil fee will be assessed for trips, pending School Board approval.

Transportation to and from school will be provided for grades seven through twelve pupils who live beyond two miles from their school of attendance, and grade nine to twelve pupils living beyond two and one-half miles. The Board’s measurement of this distance shall be considered official. Transportation for pupils who live at lesser distances may be provided if, at the Board’s discretion, there exists conditions warranting the provision of such transportation.

Transportation adjustments shall be requested by parents, in writing, to the Clearview Regional Transportation Coordinator. Adjustments will be made only if seats are available, and will be rescinded if seats are needed for new residents on regular bus route. Boarding and/or exiting will be at the nearest established bus stop. Acceptable reasons for adjustment shall be limited to the following:

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) work and desire pupils to stay regularly at a residence other than their own before and/or after school.

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) temporarily leave their residence for vacation or other trip, and place pupils in another residence in district for this period of time, not to exceed two weeks.

In addition to pupils enrolled in the schools of this district, the Board shall transport resident non-public school students attending school in New Jersey, no more than twenty miles from their residence, but not a lesser distance from their residence than that required for transportation of public school children. When transportation is not provided for resident non-public school students, and the students meet the mileage requirements stated in paragraph three and N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1, aid in lieu of transportation, will be paid to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
A pupil may be suspended from bus transportation by the Principal for disciplinary reasons, in which case, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are responsible for the pupil’s transportation.

Discipline will be administered in accordance with the school building code of conduct, Regulations 5600.1 and 5600.2. The school bus is an extension of Clearview Regional and all rules that apply in school shall also apply on the school bus. Transportation on a school bus is a privilege afforded to Clearview students and this privilege can be revoked at any time due to student misconduct in which case, the parents are responsible for the pupil’s transportation. The school bus driver shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are being transported. When student conduct requires disciplinary action, the driver shall report it on a discipline referral to the Building Principal at the student’s school.

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