



RISE CHARTER SCHOOL

Policy 8130: Transportation of Students with Disabilities

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RISE Charter School contracts with Kimberly School District for the provision of student transportation services. As a condition of this partnership, RISE Charter School adopts and replicates Kimberly School District's transportation policies in full, including those governing transportation as a related service for students with disabilities. The following policy reflects Kimberly School District's established standards and procedures and is implemented at RISE Charter School exactly as written.

Transportation shall be provided as a related service when a student with a disability requires special transportation in order to benefit from special education or to have access to an appropriate education placement. Transportation needs may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Travel to and from school and between schools;
2. Travel in and around school buildings or to those activities which are a regular part of the student's instructional program;
3. Specialized equipment (such as special or adapted buses, lifts, and ramps) if required to provide special transportation for a student with disabilities;
4. Other services that support the student's use of transportation, such as:
 - a. Special assistance (e.g., an aide on the bus and assistance getting on and off the bus);
 - b. Safety restraints, wheel chair restraints, and child safety seats;
 - c. Accommodations (e.g., preferential seating, a positive behavioral support plan for the student on the bus, and altering the bus route); or
 - d. Training for the bus driver regarding the student's disability or special health related needs

The Child Study Team who develops the disabled student's Individualized Education Program will determine on an individual basis when a student with a disability requires this related service. Such recommendations must be specified on the student's IEP. Only those children with disabilities who qualify for transportation as a related service under the provisions of the IDEA shall be entitled to special transportation. All other children with disabilities in the

District have access to the District's regular transportation system under policies and procedures applicable to all students of the District. Utilizing the District's regular transportation service shall be viewed as a "least restrictive environment".

Mode of Transportation

One of the District's special education buses will be the preferred mode of transportation. Exceptions may be made in situations where buses are prohibited from entering certain subdivisions due to inadequate turning space or distance from school may seriously impact bus scheduling. In such situations, other arrangements such as an individual transportation contract may be arranged with the parents. Such voluntary agreement shall stipulate in writing the terms of reimbursement.

Cross Reference:

3340 Corrective Actions and Punishment

8140 Student Conduct on Buses

Legal Reference:

20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq. Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA)

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