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SUBJECT: Transportation of Students**Transportation of Resident Students Attending District Schools**

The Brighton Central School District furnishes transportation to all K- ~~6~~ **2** resident students living at least **one-eighth (1/8)** ~~one-quarter (1/4)~~ of a mile from school; **to all grades 3-5 resident students living at least one-quarter of a mile from school;** and **to all grades 6-12** resident students living at least three-quarters (3/4) of a mile from school. The Brighton Central School District also furnishes transportation to all resident students with disabilities whose disability requires transportation.

Transportation of Students to Child Care

The District will also provide transportation to a child who is a resident of the District and who attends grades K-8, pursuant to Education Law Section 3635(1)(e), between the school the child legally attends and before and/or after school child care locations. A child care location is defined as any place, other than the child's home, where care for less than 24 hours a day is provided on a regular basis for a child who attends school within the District, provided that such place is situated within the District. This definition includes, for example, day care centers, family day care homes, and in-home care provided by non-relatives. Such transportation will be provided upon request by the child's parent or person in parental relation, provided that the request is made not later than June 1 of the preceding year, or within thirty (30) days after moving into the District.

Transportation of a Child Who is Less Than School Age

The District will also provide transportation, pursuant to Education Law Section 3635(1)(f), to a child who is a resident of the District and who is less than school age, to and from the school which the child's parent legally attends provided that:

- a) The parent is eligible for transportation to and from the school which the parent legally attends;
- b) The child is accompanied during the transportation by the parent;
- c) The parent is under 21 years of age and has not received a high school diploma; and

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d) The transportation is furnished for the purpose of allowing the child to receive child care services and/or attend a nursery school, pre-school or parenting program.

Requests for Transportation to and from Non-Public Schools

The parent or person in parental relation of a parochial or private school child residing in the District who desires his/her child to be transported to a parochial, private or charter school outside of the District during the next school year must submit a written request to the Board of Education, or its designee no later than April 1 of the preceding year, or within thirty (30) days of moving into the District. The District will publish the April 1 date on its website and/or in school building eNews as a reminder to parents of this deadline. Transportation arrangements in response to requests made after April 1 will be made as soon as possible after the start of school and only if the transportation can be provided at no additional cost to the District.

Transportation to Nonpublic Schools on Holidays

The District will share its calendar, and start and dismissal times with nonpublic schools before the start of the school year. The District is not required to provide transportation to nonpublic schools on days on which the District's schools are not in session.

Transportation for Nonpublic School Students with Disabilities who are Parentally Placed

For students with disabilities, ages 5 through 21, who are parentally placed in nonpublic schools outside their district of residency, if special education services are to be provided to a student at a site other than the nonpublic school, the school district of location is responsible for providing the special education services, including, as applicable, arranging and providing transportation necessary for the student to receive special education services.

The district of residence remains responsible to provide transportation to parentally placed nonpublic school students from the student's home to the nonpublic school.

Transportation of Students with Disabilities

Transportation of students with disabilities in the District may not exceed fifty (50) miles (one way) from the student's home to the appropriate special service or program, unless the

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Commissioner certifies that no appropriate nonresidential special service or program is available within fifty (50) miles. In that event, the Commissioner may then establish transportation arrangements.

Student Information

Upon written consent of the parent or person in parental relation, the District's Transportation Department will maintain the following information about each student with a disability being transported:

- a) Student's name;
- b) Nature of the student's disability;
- c) Name of the student's parent, guardian or person in parental relation and one or more telephone numbers where that person can be reached in an emergency; and/or
- d) Name and telephone number of any other person designated by such parent, guardian or person in parental relation who can be contacted in an emergency.

This information will be used solely for the purpose of contacting the student's parent, guardian, person in parental relation or designee in the event of an emergency involving the student, or at the discretion of the parent and administration information required by the driver to safely transport students with serious medical impairments or that could impact the safety of the student or driver. This information will be kept in a manner which retains the privacy of the student, and shall not be accessible to any person other than the driver or a teacher acting in a supervisory capacity. In the event that the driver or teacher is incapacitated, this information may be accessed by any emergency service provider.

This information will be updated as needed, but at least once each school year and shall be destroyed if parental consent is revoked, the student no longer attends the school, or the disability no longer exists.

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School buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1990 fueled with other than diesel fuel and used to transport three (3) or more students who use wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices or with a total capacity of more than eight (8) passengers and used to transport these students will be equipped with an engine fire suppression system.

School buses manufactured on or after September 1, 2007 fueled with diesel fuel and used to transport three (3) or more students who use wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices or with a total capacity of more than eight (8) passengers used to transport these students will be equipped with an engine fire suppression system.

School buses will also be equipped with at least one hand fire extinguisher in the event of an emergency.

Transportation of Non-Resident Students

Non-resident families must provide their own transportation.

Transportation to School Sponsored Events

Where the District has provided transportation to students enrolled in the District to a school sponsored field trip, extracurricular activity or any other similar event, with the exception of certain interscholastic athletic competitions, it will also provide transportation back to either the point of departure or to the appropriate school in the District unless a student's parent or legal guardian has provided the District with written notice, consistent with District procedure, authorizing an alternative form of return transportation for the student. In cases where intervening circumstances make transportation of a student back to the point of departure or to the appropriate school in the District impractical, and the parent has not authorized alternative return transportation, a representative of the School District will remain with the student until the student's parent or legal guardian has been contacted and informed of the intervening circumstances and the student has been delivered to his or her parent.

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SUBJECT: Transportation of Students**Transportation of Students to School Sponsored Events in District-Owned Vehicles**

The District uses a License Monitor System to determine qualified drivers of District-owned vehicles. To enroll a driver, the district will obtain written consent from the driver to enroll him or her in the license monitor program. Once enrolled, the License Monitor System will alert the District to any changes in the driver's Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) status, and a determination will be made if that event will affect the driver's status as an authorized district driver.

The ability to drive a District-owned vehicle is contingent on the applicant's MVR meeting the standards of this policy, and ongoing employment in a position with driving duties will require the driver to continue to meet those standards. Employees who do not meet District standards for an acceptable MVR will not be able to operate a District-owned vehicle.

Drivers must participate in interactive training program on the use of larger District-owned vehicles holding ten or more passengers.

Number of Minor Violations	Number of At-Fault Accidents			
	0	1	2	3
0	Clear	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
1	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
2	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
3 or more	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
Any Major Violation	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable

Major violations include:

- A violation in connection with a fatal accident
- Any felony involving the use of an automobile
- Driving with a suspended, revoked or expired license

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- **Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and/or the refusal to take a blood/breath test**
- **Fleeing or attempting to elude police; failure to stop and report an accident in which the driver was involved**
- **Negligent vehicular homicide**
- **Operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission**
- **Permitting an unlicensed person to drive**
- **Reckless, negligent, careless driving or racing**
- **Speeding more than 20 mph over the speed limit**

Transportation for Interscholastic Athletics

Unless approved by the Superintendent of Schools for state-level competitions, transportation at School District expense shall be confined to participants in interscholastic athletic events. Student spectators or any other spectators shall not be transported to athletic events at School District expense.

Transportation in Personal Vehicles

Personal cars of teachers and staff will not be used to transport students except in the event of extenuating circumstances, or certain interscholastic athletic competitions as authorized by the administration.

Policy References

Education Law Sections 1604, 1709, 1804, 1903, 1950, 2503, 2554, 2590-e, 3242, 3602-c, 3621(15), 3623-a(2c), 3635, 4401-a, 4401(4), 4402, 4404, 4405 and 4410-6.

Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 375(20)(1) and 375(21-i)

Adopted: