

POLICY EEABA – Cross Boundary Transportation

Although the Board accepts that parents and students have a right to choose their school within the guidelines of the *Education Act*, the Board shall set attendance boundaries for each school. Transportation is provided within the attendance area of each school.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

- 1. Parents who choose to have their children attend a school other than their designated school shall be responsible for their children's transportation. Transportation from an existing pick up within the boundaries of their school of choice may be arranged provided there is space on the bus or at the discretion of the Director of Transportation.
- 2. Cross Boundary transportation will only be approved by the Superintendent or designate. The following conditions may be considered appropriate for cross boundary transportation:
 - a) Special program needs that meet with the approval of the Superintendent or designate.
 - b) In shared custody situations, students may receive transportation to an alternate parent/guardian location, provided there is an existing bus route that is within a common high school attendance area, and no additional cost to the Board. Supporting shared custody documentation must be provided by the parent/guardian to the Superintendent or designate.
 - c) Social or behavioral issues that the Superintendent or designate consider serious enough to warrant transportation to another school.
 - d) Overcrowding in a school.
 - e) Students completing the highest grade offered at a Separate or PWPSD feeder school may be transitioned directly to the PWPSD high school that serves their attendance area.
- 3. Unless significant changes in circumstance occur, decisions of the Superintendent or designate may be appealed to the Transportation Committee of the Board on one occasion only.

REFERENCES

Cross References:

<u>Policy EEA</u> – Student Transportation Services

Legal Reference:

Education Act Section 42, 53

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