

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
TRANSPORTATION OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN

(By authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by section 1322 of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1322; and Executive Reorganization Order No. 1996-7, MCL 388.994)

R 340.281 Transporting pupils within district only; exceptions; private car.

Rule 1. (1) All of the following apply if a school district transports pupils within the district but does not transport public school pupils outside the district, other than students with a disability:

(a) The school district may transport resident nonpublic school pupils to points within the district for transportation out of the district to state-approved nonpublic schools.

(b) The school district may transport resident nonpublic school pupils to points within the district for re-transportation within the district to state-approved nonpublic schools.

(c) If the shortest public route of travel of a school bus transporting both resident public and resident nonpublic school pupils requires the school bus to travel from 1 part of the district through a portion of another district back into the district, the school district may transport nonpublic schoolchildren to and from the point along the regular route nearest or most accessible to a state-approved nonpublic school in the other district.

(d) The board of education of the school district shall not establish the attendance areas of nonpublic schools.

(e) The board of education of the school district shall request in writing from state-approved nonpublic school officials the information necessary for planning for the transportation of nonpublic schoolchildren. The nonpublic school officials shall furnish the information requested in writing.

(f) The board of education of the school district shall establish bus routes, bus time schedules, and school bus policies for all pupils transported.

(g) The board of education of the school district shall review with state-approved nonpublic school officials prior to opening of schools the bus routes, bus time schedules, and school bus policies established. The board of education may modify the bus routes, bus time schedules, and bus policies.

(h) The board of education of the school district may contract for transportation by private car for transportation of schoolchildren within the district whenever the board of education determines that the cost is excessive for transportation by bus of children living in locations isolated from their schools.

(2) As used in this rule, “private car” means a privately owned vehicle with a passenger capacity, including the driver, of 10 or less.

History: 1979 AC; 2012 AAC; 2018 AAC.

R 340.282 Transporting resident pupils to schools outside district; private car.

Rule 2. (1) All of the following apply if a school district transports any of its resident pupils, other than students with a disability, to schools outside of the district:

(a) Whenever a school district transports resident pupils from grades closed or not operated in the district to a school or schools outside of the district, it shall also transport resident nonpublic school pupils in the same grades to state-approved nonpublic schools outside of the district, at least to the distance of the public schools located outside of the district and in the same general direction.

(b) The board of education of the school district may contract for transportation by private car for transportation of schoolchildren outside the district whenever the board of education determines that the cost is excessive for transportation by bus of children living in locations isolated from their schools.

(c) The board of education of the school district shall not establish the attendance areas of nonpublic schools.

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