

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD POLICY	POLICY TITLE: Student Transportation in School Buses
	POLICY CODE: EEA

Tucson Unified School District buses are for the transportation of students and supervisory personnel, if needed, on established routes. However, parents, teachers and other authorized persons may be permitted to ride school buses when supervising students on scheduled field trips and excursions.

For the safety of all school bus riders and others, the good conduct of students riding school buses is expected and required. Misbehavior is promptly reported to the appropriate school principal who has the authority to suspend student school bus transportation privileges, as described in the Student Code of Conduct. Parents in such cases must be notified prior to suspension.

If a situation or situations arise that pose greater than normal danger on the way to and from school to ambulatory students, the transportation office may, with the authorization of the Superintendent, provide school bus transportation to these students for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days. Continuation of the service beyond sixty (60) days is subject to Board approval.

School bus transportation is provided for students as follows:

1. Students attending elementary and K-8 schools who live 1 mile or more from school.
2. Middle school students who live at least 2 1/2 miles from school with no public bus service.
3. High school students who live at least 2 1/2 miles from school with no public bus service.
4. In accordance with A.R.S. §15-764, children with a disability (as defined by A.R.S. §15-761) in connection with any program, class or service.
5. Open enrolled students may be eligible for transportation to strategically placed stops as determined by the District. Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to these designated stops.

For purposes of this policy, eligibility distance is determined by using the most direct route.

Parental Release and Walk Authorization [K-5][K-8]

The Tucson Unified School District encourages [K-5][K-8] students to use available TUSD-routed buses (as opposed to public transportation), or parent/guardian-authorized adult drop-off and pick-up at the school site.

[K-5][K-8] students shall not be released from the school to walk or take other forms of transportation unless specifically authorized in writing by the parent/guardian, including an acknowledgment that by choosing this option for their student, the parent/guardian is aware of, and accepts any accompanying risks.

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