

DELANCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Transportation for Nonremote Students

The Board of Education recognizes that State law requires public school districts to provide bus transportation to students who live remote from the school they attend. "Remote" has been determined to mean 2 miles or more for students in grades K-8 and 2-1/2 miles or more for those in grades 9-12. However, the Board realizes its main responsibility lies with the welfare of its students. Sometimes, there are circumstances which make travel to and from school hazardous, even though it may fall within the less-than-remote areas of the township. In these instances, the Board may choose to provide bus transportation in the interest of student safety, knowing that any associated costs will not be reimbursed by the State.

In determining whether or not a particular area is hazardous, the Board will make its decision after taking into consideration input from individual Board members, school administrators, parents, and the local police department.-

Once a decision is made to bus nonremote students because of hazardous circumstances, that practice will remain in effect indefinitely unless there is a change in the factors contributing to the area's hazardous status, in which case the Board would have the responsibility of reconsidering the area for an exception to the remote busing law.

To date, the Board has investigated all areas of the township traversed by students on their way to and from school and has determined that 3 distinct sections are hazardous:

1. East side of Burlington Avenue between Boggs' Ditch and railroad tracks;
2. North of railroad track/Burlington Avenue intersection;
3. Creek Road and Coopertown Road east of the railroad tracks.

All of these areas have been declared hazardous due to the fact that they are heavily traveled main roads, but have neither ample shoulders nor sidewalks, either of which is considered necessary for pedestrian safety.

Therefore, any public or parochial school student who would otherwise be forced to walk in the aforementioned areas will be eligible for bus transportation provided by the Board of Education.

N.J.S.A. 18A:25-2; 18A:39-1 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 27:15-16

N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.3(a)10; 6:21-1 et seq.

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