

## 3011 Transportation

1. The school district will provide transportation on each day school is in session to the students who reside in the district and qualify for transportation according to the district's transportation plan. The superintendent shall be responsible for establishing the transportation plan. All students living in the district and living further than four (4) miles from their school of attendance by the shortest route will be eligible to be transported to and from school at district expense. The school district may, at its discretion, pick up students within the four (4) mile limit, if they are on an established bus route and outside of the city limits of Pawnee City.
2. When a student who has been attending the district is placed into foster care, school district staff will collaborate with state and local child welfare agencies to determine whether transportation is required under state law when it is in the child's best interest that their school of origin be maintained. The district will only provide transportation to students placed in foster care when the responsible child welfare agency agrees to reimburse the school district for the cost of transportation or when transportation is otherwise required by law. The board designates the Superintendent of Schools as the initial point of contact for child welfare agency representatives to discuss transportation issues related to children in foster care.
3. The school district will consider providing transportation for Option Enrollment students who live within five (5) miles of the edge of the district. Transportation to and from an Option Enrollment student's residence will not be provided if doing so would not reasonably fit the geographic and time constraints of an established bus route.
4. The school district will not provide bus route transportation to any residence or location that is not within the boundaries of the State of Nebraska, except when accommodations are requested for a centralized pickup/drop-off location within 0.5 miles of the state line. A centralized pickup/drop-off location shall not significantly adjust an established route. The superintendent will determine whether such location significantly adjusts an established route.
5. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, or his or her designee, to establish an emergency route plan for the collective safety of district students. The plan will temporarily alter established bus routes when roads to student residences are expected to be unsafe to navigate with the district's transportation vehicles for an extended period of time (e.g. ice coated, snow packed, excessively muddy, etc.). The emergency route plan will identify the pickup/drop-off locations and times which students are to meet transportation vehicles.
6. The families of students who will not be provided transportation or who must drive students to a pickup/drop-off point—when farther than three (3) miles from their residence to the pickup/drop-off point by the shortest route, or farther than four (4) miles from their residence to the school by the shortest route—will be reimbursed for mileage according to statute if they qualify for such reimbursement.

7. The district will provide transportation to tuition students in accordance with the contract provisions, if any, for services from the contracting districts.
8. The use of buses for class parties, field trips, and similar purposes shall require the prior approval of the superintendent or appropriate principal.

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