

### 8613 WAIVER OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

The Board of Education is required to provide transportation services for the school year to an elementary pupil living more than two miles from the public school of attendance or to a secondary school pupil who is living more than two and one-half miles from the public school of attendance in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq.

The Board determines pupil transportation needs and approves pupil transportation routes based on all pupils eligible for transportation in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. and any less than remote, courtesy busing, and/or hazardous route transportation determined by the Board of Education. However, while providing a school bus seat for those pupils eligible for transportation each school year, the Board recognizes certain pupils eligible for transportation services voluntarily elect to not use the transportation services offered by the Board resulting in empty seats on school buses going to and from school.

To assist the Board in operating the school district's transportation system in the most cost-effective manner, the Board may provide a pupil's parent/guardian the option of waiving transportation services for that school year in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1c. In the event the Board provides this waiver of pupil transportation option, a pupil's parent/guardian will be required to sign a written statement indicating the pupil waives transportation services for that school year. The written statement shall be in such form as determined by the New Jersey Department of Education. In the event a parent/guardian of a pupil eligible for transportation services waives transportation services for that school year and should circumstances change during that school year due to a family or economic hardship the school district will reinstate the pupils eligibility for transportation and will provide transportation for the pupil to and from school.

N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1; 18A:39-1c.

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