

## **Z. Transportation**

### **Z1. LEA Responsibility and Funding**

When transportation is required as a service on a student's IEP, each district is responsible for coordinating and providing that transportation service.

The Solano COE provides transportation, to the extent possible, for students attending programs outside of the geographic boundaries of the SELPA. In the event the Solano COE does not provide transportation, the responsibility for transportation is assigned to the District of Special Education Accountability (DSEA).

SCOE's excess transportation costs will be directly billed to member districts. Excess cost shall be billed based on mileage from the bus yard to home to school.

### **Z2. Criteria for Providing Transportation**

Transportation, as a related service to special education, is necessary when it is required for the student to benefit from their special education.

IEP teams shall consider the following when determining the need for transportation as a related service:

1. the severity of the student's disability having a direct effect on the provision of transportation services (e.g., mobility and ability)
2. ability of the student to function independently and responsibly
3. the student's education goals for transition from special education or into the community
4. least-restrictive environment and the promotion of independent living to the maximum extent possible.

An alternative method of transportation will be arranged to a special education program if a student is suspended from the bus. This is necessary in order to continue providing free, appropriate public education services as identified on the IEP. Alternative methods of transportation could include transportation by the parent, a taxi, or another public vehicle.