

## **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 when it is within the district's boundaries.

SCOE will transport students across district boundaries unless the:

1. transportation is provided by an NPS,
2. parents and district agree to mileage reimbursement, or
3. district contracts for transportation through another entity.

Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) may offset the cost of students transported across district boundaries with SCOE's transportation revenue. 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.

Additionally, districts may contract with SCOE separately for transportation of students within the district boundaries; such a contract will not be offset by SCOE transportation revenue.

### **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.