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8600 - **TRANSPORTATION**

~~Day-to-day transportation for all students served by the Cooperative for whom transportation is a related service and who attend school in the school corporation the student would attend if s/he did not have a disability shall be provided ☐ by the school corporation which the student would attend if s/he did not have a disability. ☐ by the Cooperative. ☐ as indicated in the Cooperative Agreement. **[END OF OPTION]**~~

~~A child whose case conference committee has determined s/he will attend a school outside the boundaries of the school corporation in which s/he lives or has enrolled as a transfer student shall receive transportation as a related service that shall be provided ☐ by the school corporation which the student would attend if s/he did not have a disability. ☐ by the Cooperative. ☐ as indicated in the Cooperative Agreement.~~

A special purpose bus is any motor vehicle designed and constructed for the accommodation of more than ten (10) passengers that meets the Federal school bus safety standards, except the requirement for stop arms and flashing lights, and that is used by the Cooperative for transportation purposes not appropriate for school buses.

A Special purpose bus may not be used to provide regular transportation of school children except for persons enrolled in a special program, i.e., for the habilitation or rehabilitation of students with developmental disabilities, orthopedic impairments, or multiple disabilities, between their residence and the school.

A special purpose bus may be used to transport students and their supervisors, including coaches, managers, and sponsors to athletic, other extracurricular school activities, and field trips.

☒ [OPTIONAL]

If the special purpose bus has a capacity of less than sixteen (16) passengers, the operator must hold a valid operator's, chauffeur's, commercial driver's, or public passenger chauffeur's license. If the special purpose bus has a capacity of more than fifteen (15) passengers, the operator must meet the requirements of a regular school bus driver.

A special purpose bus is not required to be constructed, equipped, or painted as specified for a regular school bus.

[END OF OPTION]

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~~A special purpose bus may be used to transport homeless or foster students. If more than seven (7) students are being transported to schools in the same Cooperative, a special purpose bus must be used. If seven (7) or fewer students are being transported to schools in the same Cooperative, a special purpose bus or an "appropriate vehicle" may be used to transport the students. The driver must meet the qualifications for the driver of a special purpose bus as set forth in I.C. 20-27-9-5(c).~~

An "appropriate vehicle" is defined as: 1) owned by the Cooperative or contracted for by the Cooperative and 2) has a seating capacity of not more than eight (8) passengers including the driver. The term "appropriate vehicle" includes a car, truck, sport

utility vehicle, or minivan.

[END OF OPTION]

[X] The Board may enter into an agreement with an agency or organization serving persons with a developmental disability in which a school bus or special purpose bus used by the Cooperative may be used to transport persons with a developmental disability who are at least two (2) years of age to and from programs for persons with a developmental disability.

~~If the vehicle is equipped with safety belts that meet the standards stated in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 208 (49 CFR 571.208) and are standard equipment installed by the manufacturer, then each occupant shall have a safety belt properly fastened around his/her body at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion, as required by I.C. 9-19-10-2.~~

I.C. 9-13-2-161 ("school bus" defined)

I.C. 9-19-10-2 (use of safety belt by motor vehicle occupants).

I.C. 20-26-5-4(a)(5) (purchase of buses) and (8) (employ drivers)

I.C. 20-27-3 (State School Bus Committee)

I.C. 20-27-9 (use of school buses)

I.C. 20-27-12

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