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## **Transportation Services**

The Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 recognizes and assumes the responsibility for the transportation of students in compliance with the guidelines as set forth by the Department of Education and in accordance with Idaho law.

Safety is the number one priority for the transportation of students. In order to ensure safety, full compliance with the state and federal requirements will be met with proper equipment, proper training and personnel.

## **Bus Routes**

The school board shall receive annual reports on school bus scheduling and routing. Routes and non-transportation zones shall be determined for each year by the board not later than the regular August meeting of the board; but nothing stated herein shall be construed as limiting the board in altering such routes or zones when factors change, such as the condition of the roads, or the number of pupils being transported.

Transportation will not be provided for any pupil living less than one and one-half  $(1 \ 1/2)$  miles from the nearest appropriate school. The school board may require pupils who live less than one and one-half  $(1 \ 1/2)$  miles from the nearest established bus stop to walk or provide their own transportation to such bus stop.

## **Payment in Lieu of Transportation**

Whenever any pupil lives more than one and one-half (1-1/2) miles from any established bus stop, or from the school but at a greater distance from the nearest bus stop than from the school, and such pupil is regularly transported by private vehicle not under contract with the school district, the board shall authorize payment to the parent or guardian an amount per month not less than ten (10) dollars per vehicle plus mileage at the current rate established by the state board of examiners for each round trip approved. The superintendent may limit payment to one (1) private vehicle for one or more families.

Whenever in the judgment of the board of trustees any pupil residing in the district within the area of a non-transportation zone, and otherwise eligible to transportation, cannot be transported in any manner herein authorized, the said board may pay to the parent or guardian thereof such amount of the cost incurred by the parent or guardian for the board and lodging of the pupil as may be authorized by the board of trustees. Currently \$100 per month for first child in family, \$90 for second child and \$20 for each additional child. Mileage for round trip to normal residence per week will be paid as in the above paragraph.

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The administration shall follow the established administrative regulations regarding payment in lieu of transportation.

## **Student Conduct**

In conjunction with the school board, the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 has adopted school policies pertaining to bus riding. These rules outline and explain desirable and undesirable student conduct on the bus. Riding the bus is not an undeniable right. It is a privilege which each rider is responsible for by maintaining appropriate behavior while loading, riding and unloading. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats, or make any decision concerning student actions while on the bus. Should an individual choose to violate any of the rules, parents will be notified concerning the violation. <u>Idaho Code</u> 33-1501 states that the board of trustees may deny transportation to any pupil on any school bus, upon good cause being given, in writing, to the parents or guardian of such student.

The authority of the bus driver has full support and cooperation of the school personnel. The administration shall follow the established administrative regulations regarding safe transportation of pupils.

**Legal Source:** Idaho Code 33-1501 "Transportation authorized."

<u>Idaho Code</u> 33-1502 "Bus routes -- Non-transportation zones." Idaho Code 33-1503 "Payments when transportation not furnished."

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