

GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING A BOARD POLICY
FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

18A:39-1c Waiver for pupil transportation services under certain circumstances.

- 1.a. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:39-1 or any other section of law to the contrary, a school district shall not be required to provide transportation services for the school year to an elementary school pupil who lives more than two miles from his public school of attendance or to a secondary school pupil who lives more than 2 1/2 miles from his public school of attendance if the pupil's parent or guardian signs a written statement that the pupil waives transportation services for that school year. The written statement shall be in such form as determined by the Department of Education.
- b. In the event that a parent or guardian signs a waiver pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the school district shall develop a policy for the provision of transportation services to the pupil in the case of a family or economic hardship.

The above statute:

1. Permits parents or guardians to waive the right to student transportation for eligible students for the school year by signing a statement to that effect developed by the Department of Education.
2. Requires the school district to adopt a policy providing for the reinstatement of these services due to family or economic hardship.

In adopting its policy, the school district may consider, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

1. Waivers and reinstatements are subject to board approval.
2. Criteria for determining family or economic hardship.
3. Submission of proof of family or economic hardship.
4. The acceptance of time between the receipt of the Reinstatement of Transportation Services Request Form and the estimated start date of transportation.

In addition, the board may consider a review of its policy by the board attorney.

PARENTAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WAIVER FORM
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

To be completed by the Parent/Guardian. Please Print

I understand that, if eligible, the Gloucester City School District is obligated to transported my child to and from school pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 et seq. In accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:39-1c, I agree to waive said transportation services provided by the Gloucester City School District. I understand that I will be responsible to provide transportation for my child

_____ to and from _____

school each day and the Gloucester City School District will not be required to provide transportation services to my child for the 2020 - 2021 school year. I have received and read the Gloucester City Transportation Waiver Policy and agree to the terms for Waiving Transportation Services. I understand I may reinstate my child's transportations services upon written request and showing a need due to family or economic hardship as defined by the Transportation Waiver Policy if eligible pursuant to N.J.S.A> 18A:39-1 et seq. I further understand that if transportation was provided as a courtesy, that transportation services may be reinstated upon available seats on existing routes and that the Gloucester City School District will re-evaluate bussing each Marking Period to determine such eligibility.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____ **DAY TIME PHONE:** _____

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Date Waiver Received: _____

BOE Notification Date: _____

REINSTATEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

In order to request reinstatement of student transportation services, please complete the following.

To be completed by the Parent/Guardian. Please Print

I previously waived transportation services for my _____ to and from _____ school. As of _____, I am no longer able to transport my child due to a family or economic hardship, as defined in the Gloucester City School District Transportation Waiver Policy. I therefore request reinstatement of transportation services for the 2020 - 2021 school year. I am providing proof of my family/economic hardship as required by the Transportation Waiver Policy. . I further understand that if transportation was provided as a courtesy, that transportation services may be reinstated upon available seats on existing routes and that the Gloucester City School District will re-evaluate bussing each Marking Period to determine such eligibility.

I further understand, if approved, the reinstatement of transportation services will occur according to the Gloucester City School District policy after receipt of the completed Reinstatement of Transportation Services Request Form accompanied by acceptable documentation of the hardship and approval by the local board of education.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____ **DAY TIME PHONE:** _____

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District Policy

8613- WAIVER OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

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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 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 shall determine pupil transportation needs and approve 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 school bus seats for those pupils eligible for transportation each school year, the Board recognizes certain pupils eligible for transportation services voluntarily elect not to 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 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 circumstances change during that school year due to a family or economic hardship, the school district will reinstate the pupil's eligibility for transportation to and from school.

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

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