

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEES FOR TRANSPORTING PUPILS TO OR FROM NONMANDATORY  
AND NONCREDIT EVENTS

(By authority conferred on the state board of education by section 591a of Act No. 269 of the Public Acts of 1955, as added, being S340.591a of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 340.241 Definitions.

Rule 1. (1) "Nonmandatory event" means an activity in which pupils are engaged at their own volition and which does not in any way affect promotion from grade to grade or high school graduation.

(2) "Noncredit event" means a student activity in which pupils are not required to attend in order to receive full credit for a prescribed course of study or to earn a higher grade in a particular course.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.242 Calculation of charges.

Rule 2. (1) The board of education of a school district may collect a fee for transporting students, enrolled in its K-12 program, to or from nonmandatory and noncredit events sponsored by the school district. Fees charged shall cover expenses for the trips involved, pursuant to the following procedures:

(a) A school district official shall determine the cost per mile for the travel of its school buses by reference to the latest printout from the state department entitled "State Aid for Regular Transportation Allowance Data."

(b) The cost of a gallon of motor fuel to be purchased and used for the trip shall be compared with the average cost of a gallon of motor fuel in the fiscal year indicated on the printout. Any increase in the cost per gallon shall be divided by 5. This amount shall be regarded as the increased cost of motor fuel per mile.

(c) The increased cost of insurance, necessary because of the trip.

(d) The actual cost of the driver's salary for the time spent waiting for pupils to board and leave the bus, and waiting for pupils at the trip destination.

(e) The actual cost of the salary of attendants or chaperones employed for supervision of pupils during the trip.

(f) The trip expense of drivers, attendants, and chaperones, including lodging, meals, necessary telephone calls, and gratuities.

(g) The total of the cost per mile as determined in subdivision (a) and the increased cost of motor fuel per mile as determined in subdivision (b) shall be multiplied by the number of miles to be travelled on the trip. This total shall be added to the increased trip cost as determined in subdivisions (c) to (f), then divided by the number of pupils scheduled to be transported. The transportation charge to each pupil shall not exceed this amount.

(2) As an alternative to subrule (1), a school district official may secure from a designated transportation official in the state department the last determined state average cost per mile, multiply this cost by the miles to be travelled on the trip, and divide by the number of pupils scheduled to be transported. The transportation charge to each pupil shall not exceed this amount.

History: 1979 AC.

R 340.243 Reduced charge or free passage.

Rule 3. Although a school district may charge costs of transportation as determined in R 340.242, it is not required to make any charge or to make a full charge. A school district may permit free passage to pupils unable to pay the charge.

History: 1979 AC.