

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

**TRANSPORTATION OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN**

(By authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by section 1322 of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1322 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-6 and 1996-7, MCL 388.993 and MCL 388.994)

**R 340.281 Transporting students within district only; exceptions; private car.**

Rule 1. (1) All of the following apply if a school district transports pupils within the district but does not transport public school pupils outside the district, other than students with a disability:

(a) Resident nonpublic school pupils may be transported to points within the district for transportation out of the district to nonpublic schools. State aid allowances for such transportation shall be allowed the district for school bus travel within the district.

(b) Resident nonpublic school pupils may be transported to points within the district for re-transportation within the district to nonpublic schools. State aid allowances for such transportation shall be allowed to the district for the school bus travel.

(c) Should the shortest public route of travel of the school bus transporting both resident public and nonpublic school pupils require the school bus to travel from 1 part of the district through a portion of another district back into the district, the school district may transport nonpublic schoolchildren to and from the point along the regular route nearest or most accessible to a nonpublic school in the other district. State aid allowances for such transportation shall be allowed to the district for the school bus travel.

(d) The boards of education of school districts shall not establish the attendance areas of nonpublic schools.

(e) Boards of education shall request in writing from nonpublic school officials the information necessary for planning for the transportation of nonpublic school children. Nonpublic school officials shall furnish the information requested in writing.

(f) Boards of education shall establish bus routes, bus time schedules, and school bus policies for all pupils transported.

(g) Boards of education shall review with the nonpublic school officials prior to opening of schools the routes, bus time schedules, and school bus policies established. The bus routes, bus time schedules, and bus policies may be modified by the board of education.

(h) The board of education of a school district may contract for transportation by private car for transportation of schoolchildren within the district whenever the board of education determines that the cost is excessive for transportation by bus of children living in locations isolated from their schools.

(2) Private car is a privately owned vehicle with a passenger capacity of 11 pupils or less.

History: 1979 AC; 2012 AACs.

**R 340.282 Transporting resident pupils to schools outside district; private car.**

Rule 2. (1) All of the following apply if a school district transports any of its resident pupils other than mentally handicapped, physically handicapped, or special education pupils, to schools outside of the district:

(a) Whenever a school district transports pupils from grades closed or not operated in the district to a school or schools outside of the district, it shall also transport nonpublic school pupils in the same grades to nonpublic schools outside of the district, at least to the distance of the public schools located outside of the district and in the same general direction.

(b) The board of education may contract for transportation by private car for transportation of schoolchildren outside the district whenever the board determines that the cost is excessive for transportation by bus of children living in isolated locations.

(c) Boards of education shall not establish attendance areas of nonpublic schools.

(2) Private car is a privately owned vehicle with a passenger capacity of 11 pupils or less.

History: 1979 AC; 2012 AACCS.