

Contracting for Transportation Services

The Board of Trustees may enter into a contract for transportation services with a private contractor. If the Board enters into a contract for transportation services, the contractor shall operate such equipment according to District policy and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. All contracts for the transportation of students shall be in writing in a form developed by the State Department of Education.

The District may attach addenda to the model contract. Such addenda shall be submitted to the State Superintendent for review and approval. If the State Superintendent rejects the addenda or requires that changes be made to them, the Board may appeal to the State Board of Education.

The contract shall be in effect for not more than five years, with the exception of contracts that receive federal funding pursuant to the federal Clean School Bus Program, which may exceed five years but shall not be in effect for more than ten years. Prior to entering into a contract for transportation services, the District must advertise and bid for such services. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. In determining what bid is the lowest responsible bidder, in addition to other enumerated specifications, the District will not only take into consideration the amount of the bid. The District will also consider the skill, ability, and integrity of a contractor to do faithful and conscientious work and promptly fulfill the contract according to the letter and spirit. References may be contacted.

A copy of the contract for transportation services will be filed with the State Superintendent.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1501      Transportation Authorized  
                          I.C. § 33-1510      Contracts for Transportation Service  
                          42 U.S.C. 16091      Clean School Bus Program

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