Islip Public Schools
Transportation Services

2016-17
The **State Education Department** has oversight responsibilities for school district provision of pupil transportation services to resident pupils attending public and non-public schools.

*Education Law* requires non-city school districts to provide transportation for all children in grades K-8 who live more than 2 miles from the school they attend and for all children in grades 9-12 who live more than 3 miles from the school they attend, up to a distance of 15 miles.

The **Board of Education of the Islip Public Schools** recognizes the importance of transportation to the education of students and its obligation to provide transportation to students in a safe, efficient and economical manner, consistent with applicable laws and regulations. (Policy 8411)
Islip Resident Students Mileage Limits for Transportation Services*

*Kindergarten and 1st grade*: who reside no more than 15 miles from the school they attend

*Grades 2 – 8*: who reside at least $\frac{3}{10}$ of a mile and no more than 15 miles from the school they attend

*Grades 9 – 12*: who reside at least 1.3 miles and no more than 15 miles from the school they attend

Students with disabilities shall be entitled to special transportation to and from school in accordance with an Individualized Educational Program as established by the Committee on Special Education

* Policy 8411
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Islip Resident Students Receiving Transportation Services

Over 2,600 students are transported through regular route service on a daily basis during the school year.

Eligible Students attend schools at 42 different locations.

Service is provided through the daily use of 22 buses and 37 vans contracted through Suffolk Transportation Services (STS).
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District Transportation Services

Regular Route Services: Public and non-public schools and special education (including Section 4408 summer programs)

Medical Van (all grades)

Early and Late Buses

Additional Services (Trips): Student Competitions (Athletics, FPA, Mathletes, Science Olympiad, Excel) and Shuttles (Excel Classes, Teach Prep Classes, BOCES Career & Technical Education Programs)

Field Trips: Instructional and Recreational
Determination of Bus Routes and Stops

Bus Schematic determines vehicle availability and route assignments

Regular Routes Factors: Building Bell Schedules and Run Time (departure from one building to the arrival at the next building), time parameters for loading and unloading students at a building, volume of eligible students in an area, maximum bus loads, efficient access to roads, distances between stops

Early and Late Buses: Area Transportation (lower ridership than regular routes, less buses available, longer routes, fewer bus stops)

Bus Stop Factors: safety issues (curbs, sidewalks, road width/shoulders, open area/visibility, stop signs), number of students, hazards, crossing situations (door side service), hills and curves
District Transportation Resources

**District Transportation Office:** Coordination of District-wide Services for Islip Resident Students, including determination of student eligibility for service, assignment of buses and stops for students. Regular interaction with transportation providers regarding service (invoices, route assessments, road conditions/closures/accidents) and driver issues (training, conduct, reports).

**School Buildings:** Primary relationship for addressing student and parent questions regarding eligibility, bus assignments, route times, and bus stops. Distribution of bus passes. Address all Student Discipline issues.
Transportation Aid

Expense driven aid paid as part of General Aid.

School districts receive Transportation Aid on bus purchase expenditures and operating expenses.

Expenses for operating district owned buses, contract buses and public service carriers and other related expenses may be approved for aid.

Contract bus transportation service must be supported by a SED approved contract.

Districts report contract and expenditure information annually to SED for Transportation Aid on state aid claim forms (ST-3 and SA-100 FT)

Eligible and approved transportation expenses are aided based on an aid ratio.
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Eligible Transportation Expenses
Transportation of students on regularly scheduled routes to and from school and BOCES.
Salaries and benefits for active transportation personnel.
Expenses for supplies and materials associated with transportation services.

Ineligible Transportation Expenses
Transportation of students for competition trips and field trips.

Approved Transportation Expenses
Transportation of eligible routes with students residing more than 1.5 miles and up to 15 miles from their school.

Unapproved Transportation Expenses
Transportation of eligible routes with students residing 1.5 miles and less from their school (nonallowable students).
Nonallowable Pupil Decimal (NAPD) – ratio of a district’s nonallowable pupil mileage to the district’s total transportation mileage.
### Transportation Aid Calculation

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<td>Transportation Aid Ratio *</td>
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* Aid Factors: Valuation, RWADA, Local Share, Enrollment, Square Mileage, Sparsity Factor
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Changes in Transportation Mileage Limits for the High School Students

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* Unit cost for a 6 hour vehicle
Section 4408 Summer Programs - Transportation Services

50 students were transported on a daily basis to educational settings during the extended school year (2016-17)

Students attended programs at 19 different locations

Service was provided through the daily use of 18 vans contracted through Suffolk Transportation Services (STS)

Reimbursement of expenses for Section 4408 Summer Programs is claimed through the STAC/AVL process and accounted for in the Special Aid Fund. Expenses are reimbursed at 80% by NYS and 20% is covered by the District (inter-fund transfer from the General Fund budget).