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The District recognizes the importance of safe transportation of students to and from school. Accordingly, it abides by all applicable New York State requirements and has established additional provisions governing student transportation.

Accordingly, the District shall provide transportation for all children residing within the District to and from the school they legally attend, consistent with the mileage thresholds set forth in Education Law. Bussing will only be provided within the school attendance zone except as set forth below for licensed before and/or after school child-care locations or as stipulated by the McKinney-Vento Act.

The District shall further provide transportation to children in grades K through 8 between a child's school and before and/or after-school child-care locations within the attendance zone of the school the child attends. For in-district child-care locations licensed pursuant to Social Services Law Section 390, transportation shall be provided between a child's school and before and/or after-school location without regard to the attendance zone of the school the child attends.

The District considers seat belts on school buses to be an important component of passenger safety. All students riding buses equipped with seat belts are expected to wear their seat belts at all times, except when boarding or exiting the bus. All adults riding buses equipped with seat belts shall wear their seat belts, except when boarding or exiting the bus, or when they need to be out of their seats for student management.

As an additional aspect of safe transportation, the District acknowledges that some roads are hazardous to pedestrian travel as are some to school bus travel. The Superintendent shall establish parameters for student transportation along these hazardous roads.

Students may be required to walk to a pick-up point. However, no student will be required to walk more than one-half mile to the pick-up point.

TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) requires school districts to work with child welfare agencies to ensure the educational stability of children in foster care. In New York State, the child welfare agency is the local department of social services (LDSS) or, at the state level, the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS).

The Central School District promotes the educational stability of students in foster care by working with students, their designated caregivers, and local departments of social services (LDSS) to determine the educational placement that is in the best interest of the student, and by providing transportation and other services consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

Transportation Plans:

1. The Central School District will coordinate and collaborate with the LDSS to make an appropriate transportation plan that supports the student's school stability plan and is fair to the District's

taxpayers, consistent with the Central School District's obligations under the federal Fostering Connections Act.

2. The Central School District recognizes that the LDSS may have access to federal funds to support the student's school stability plan, including transportation costs. Therefore, when there are additional costs incurred by the Central School District to provide transportation to the school of origin, the Central School District will first seek to have the LDSS agree to provide that through a separate contract or by reimbursing the Central School District. The Central School District will also consider sharing the additional cost with the LDSS or absorbing the full amount of the additional cost.

Education Law Sections 305(14), 3602(7), 3635, 3636
Commissioner's Regulation 156.2