



Modifications
to NJAC 6A:27
#School Bus contractors

CODE SECTION	CHANGE
	Numerous Transportation forms have been renamed in the regulations but have not yet been updated on the Office of Student Transportation website. The substance of the forms will remain the same and districts should continue to use the existing forms until the updates are released.
6A:27-3.5 and 6A:27-4.3	Charter and Choice parents that submit a request for transportation must be given the option to pay for the difference in cost between aid-in-lieu and the cost of a bidded route along with an explanation of the total cost and the aid-in-lieu amount. Notification must be provided by August 1 each year. The notification can include a deadline for a response and the district can provide a cost range that will depend upon the number of parents accepting the offer.
6A:27-5.1(b)	Transportation costs for charter and choice special education students that exceed the aid-in-lieu amount will be borne by the charter and choice school.
6A:27-6.4(b)2	Students placed in resource family homes within the district of residence must receive transportation within 6 days of notification to the district of residence.
6A:27-6.5(b)	Districts are only responsible for transportation of students in shared custody homes from only one residence.
6A:27-7.14	Districts may authorize the transportation of students with medical needs in a Mobility Assistance Vehicle in accordance with 18A:39-20.1. Such vehicles are exempt from all registration, equipment, inspection, and maintenance requirements imposed on the transportation of students by a school bus.
6A:67-9.2(b)	Bid identification numbers must be included in transportation bid advertisements.
6A:27-9.10(i)1i	Districts may disqualify a bidder for prior negative experience if the bidder has been considered nonperforming based on an evidentiary review and/or hearing before the executive county superintendent in accordance with the procedures outlined in the regulations.
6A:27-9.15(h)	If a Board allows a contract to be subcontracted, the approving resolution and certificate of insurance must be submitted to the executive county superintendent.
6A:27-11.1	Boards must develop a policy to conduct ongoing random checks of driver CDLs, vehicle registration, insurance and inspection stickers, and pre-trip inspections. This includes responsibility for contracted bus company drivers.
6A:27-11.2	Evacuation drills shall include instruction for the proper use and adjustment of seatbelts.
6A:27-11.3(b)	Safety education programs for permanent and substitute drivers and aides must be administered twice per year. This amendment updates code to align with already existing statute 18A:39-19.1a.
6A:27-11.3(d)	Drivers and aides must sign a certification of their completion of training for interacting with students with disabilities.
6A:27-11.5	Boards "may" develop a policy to compile a list of names of students being transported to school-sponsored activities.
6A:27-12.1(f)	Employers must file bus driver transmittal forms with the Office of Student Protection and receive an approval letter before assigning a driver to a route.
6A:27-12.1(h)	Employers must notify drivers when reoccurring requirements need to be renewed: driver license, driver physical, criminal history background check, etc.
6A:27-12.2	Bus drivers must submit accident reporting forms to the principal and business administrator by the end of the first business day after the accident. The Board must submit the accident information in the DOE-prescribed electronic accident report log.
6A:27-12.4	Transportation Supervisor qualification criteria have been added. Certified SBAs shall not be required to complete the School Transportation Supervisors Certification Program to function as the Transportation Supervisor.

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