

## Alternate Transportation Guidelines

The student-eligibility requirements and guidelines for transportation to before and/or after school care providers are as follows:

A before- and/or after-school child care location shall mean a place, other than the child's home, where care for less than twenty-four hours a day is provided on a regular basis for a child who attends school within the City School District of Oswego, provided that such place is situated within the school district. This definition includes, but is not limited to, a variety of child care services such as day-care centers, family day-care homes and in-home care by non-relatives.

Students attending grades Kindergarten through eight (8), who are attending school from a before and/or after-school child care location, may be eligible for transportation between the before- and/or after-school child care location and their school according to the following mileage restrictions. However, the parent or legal guardian of the student must apply in writing using the form on the reverse and submit same to the District Transportation Office prior to the first (1st) day of October. Applications will be accepted after September 30th of the current school year, for new residents to the district or upon provision in writing of extenuating circumstances acceptable by the Superintendent of Schools.

1. All Kindergarten students are eligible for transportation to and from a before- and/or after school child care location which is located within the attendance zone of the school the child attends. If the Kindergarten student attends a child care location licensed pursuant to section 390 of social service law, then the student is eligible for transportation, including across attendance zones within the school district boundaries, up to 15 miles.
2. All students in grades 1 through 6 are eligible for transportation to and from a before and/or after-school child care location which is located more than one-half (1/2) mile and within the attendance zone of the school the student attends or must cross a main highway.

Students in grades 1 through 6 who attend a child care location licensed pursuant to section 390 of social service law are eligible for transportation, including across attendance zones to a distance of 15 miles, as long as the child care location is situated between 1/2 and 15 miles from the school the child attends, and is within the school district boundaries.

3. All students in grades 7-8 are eligible for transportation to and from a before- and after school child care location which is located within the district.

### Eligibility for such transportation will be based on:

1. The student's legal residence being within the City School District of Oswego.
2. The before- and/or after-school child care location being able to meet the criteria of the mileage restrictions as set forth.
3. Transportation will only be provided on a regular basis to a single pickup or drop-off point unless requests for Alternate Transportation, within the same bus route, can be accommodated without additional cost to district.
4. The day-care center or the baby-sitter's residence must be located in the City School District of Oswego.
5. The Supervisor of Transportation is authorized to waive strict compliance to the dates of filing applications for transportation service when the request can be honored without additional cost to the District.
6. Information on attendance zones can be obtained from the School Transportation Office.
7. After the first day of school, transportation will be initiated within five (5) school days of receipt of this application.
8. Any changes made in existing transportation requests must be made in writing before the change can be effective. (see attached sheet for added information)
9. Approved alternate transportation will remain in place until one of the following occurs: a.) cancellation by the applicant, b.) a change of circumstances (example: new address, new child care provider), c.) a change in the school of attendance, d.) a change in the child's schedule, e.) a change in existing school policy. If any of these take place, the child's transportation assignment will be updated, utilizing the child's address of record, and in accordance with existing eligibility guidelines established by the Board of Education.

Parents are strongly encouraged to use a child care provider which is located within the attendance zone of the school the child attends.