

TRANSPORTATION
OF EXCEPTIONAL
CHILDREN

The District provides transportation to students with disabilities at no charge as determined by the Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) Committee. Parents may transport their own children if they do not desire this service. Documentation of their desire to provide parental transportation should be maintained in the Special Education Eligibility Folder.

In order to receive special transportation, the following conditions must be met:

1. Transportation will be to and from the child's residence, if conditions permit. Under special circumstances agreed upon in writing by the District and the family, the child may be transported to and from an alternative location. Bus monitors have the forms for parents who wish to make a request to have their child transported to or from an alternative location. Such requests must be approved by the Transportation Coordinator before the bus driver is authorized to change the pick up or delivery point.
2. The student must be ready to meet the school bus when it arrives at the designated location. The bus driver is authorized to wait for the child for a limited period of time which is normally considered to be three (3) to five (5) minutes.
3. A parent/guardian or a responsible adult known by the bus driver must be at home to receive the child, unless specifically agreed upon in writing by the District and the family. Any special circumstances must be specifically agreed to by the Director of Special Education and the Transportation Coordinator for the Socorro Independent School District prior to the bus driver initiating the request. In the event that a parent/guardian or responsible adult is not at the home to receive the child and no previous agreement has been made between the District and the family, the student will be returned to the home campus. The student will remain there until he/she is picked up by the parent/guardian or responsible adult. The guardian or responsible adult must be eighteen (18) years or older unless other arrangements have been made specifically agreed upon in writing by the District and the family. If the campus is closed, the child is to be delivered to the Transportation Department and the SISD Police Department will be called.
4. The child's behavior must be such that he/she will not endanger the safety of the other children or damage any

property in the vehicle in which he/she is transported. If an incident occurs, discipline procedures will be initiated and an ARD Committee will be requested.

5. The office of the principal must be notified by the parent of any change of residence at least three (3) school days before any change in transportation is made.