

# Eligibility for Transportation

The District will provide transportation to students who are eligible based on the criteria shown in the table below.

Method of Transportation	Eligibility Requirements	Transportation requested after 9/15
School bus	Students in grades Pre-K through 8 and live 2 miles or more from school	May receive payment in lieu of transportation
	Students in all grades who require additional transportation support due to documented IEP or 504 requirements	Not affected by request date
NJ Transit bus tickets	Students in grades 9-12 and live 2.5 miles or more from school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a courtesy, CCSD provides NJ Transit bus tickets to students in grades 9-12 who live between 2.0 and 2.5 miles and attend a CCSD school.</li> </ul>	Not affected by request date

**Please note:**

- If a student requests school bus transportation after 9/15, then the student may receive payment in lieu of transportation.<sup>1</sup> A student will receive a payment in lieu of transportation if:
  - Student is a general education student (i.e. does not have an IEP that requires transportation);
  - Student is in grades Pre-K through 8 and lives 2 miles or more from school;
  - Student requests transportation after September 15th; and
  - The Commission cannot place student on a pre-existing/available bus route.

When a student receives payment in lieu of transportation, guardians will receive \$1000 for a full year and be expected to transport the student without additional District assistance for the remainder of the school year. Attendance is required for payment. The District will prorate the payment in lieu of transportation based on the date of the transportation request.

- School buses will pick up and drop off students at **their permanent residence** or at the bus route’s corner stop closest to **their permanent residence**.
- Mileage is computed using the shortest walking distance in [Google Maps](#). Distances are not rounded up.
- If a student attending a charter/renaissance school is not eligible for transportation, then the charter/renaissance school may choose to transport the student at their own cost.

**Courtesy Busing:** Courtesy transportation for CCSD students who do not meet the eligibility requirements is very limited. Courtesy requests will not be reviewed until after October 1, and transportation might not start until after October 15th. If the courtesy seat is later needed for a student who is eligible for transportation, then courtesy transportation will be cancelled. If guardians would like to apply for courtesy transportation, they should contact their CCSD school as soon as possible after the start of school.

**NJ Transit:** CCSD works closely all year with NJ Transit, Office of Safety & Security, and CCPD to enhance student safety and ensure that the Walter Rand Transportation Center remains a safe corridor for students to transfer through (if necessary). In addition, CCSD security staff are present at Walter Rand the first two weeks of schools to help students transfer busses.

**IEPs and 504s:** In order for a student to receive transportation due to an IEP or 504, the IEP or 504 must specifically state that transportation is required based on the students specific disability.

- Services such as door-to-door pick-up or an additional aide will only be provided if required in the IEP or 504.
- No additional aides: The District does not place any additional aides on buses, unless a student’s IEP or 504 requires a 1:1 student aide.
- CCSD reserves the right to request further documentation around a student’s disability to better understand how the disability necessitates transportation.

<sup>1</sup> N.J.A.C. 6A:27-3.1(c) states: “Eligible students shall receive transportation or aid in lieu of transportation based upon the date the applications for charter and renaissance school transportation are received by the district boards of education in which the students reside.”