

LOG-P-5700 - STUDENT TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Board of Fei Tian Academy of the Arts-Middletown (FTAA-MT) recognizes that it is very important to ensure that students get to school on time via a safe, fast, and efficient system for transporting eligible school children to and from school, to and from extracurricular activities, and to and from field trips. Transportation shall be provided to boarding students by FTAA-MT; and to eligible day students through the Middletown City School District. Students living outside of Middletown City School District may apply at their local school district if they reside within 15 miles of FTAA-MT at 42 Jason Place, Middletown, NY.

It is the intent of the Board of FTAA-MT to comply with the letter and spirit of the New York State Education Law; with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and of the Department of Transportation and with the Commissioner of Education's regulations and decisions pertinent to student transportation, and these shall govern any questions not covered by specific declaration of policy herein.

The Board of FTAA-MT recognizes and assumes the responsibility for all aspects of the transportation of children wherein the health and safety of students are involved, for the Board of Education has a legal obligation to safeguard the welfare of bus-riding children.

Requests for Transportation to and from FTAA-MT

The parent or guardian residing in the Middletown City School District who desires that the child be transported to FTAA-MT during the next school year should submit a written request to the Middletown City Board of Education no later than April 1 of the preceding year, or within thirty (30) days of moving into the District. No late request of a parent or person in parental relation shall be denied where a reasonable explanation is provided for the delay.

Transportation to School-Sponsored Events

Where FTAA-MT has provided transportation to students enrolled at FTAA-MT to a school-sponsored field trip, extracurricular activity or any other similar event, it shall provide transportation back to either the point of departure or to FTAA-MT unless the parent or legal guardian of a student participating in such event has indicated in the field trip consent form (See Principal's Field Trip Regulation, A-706) that an alternative form of return transportation for such student will be provided or unless intervening circumstances make such transportation impractical. In cases where intervening circumstances make transportation of a student back to the point of departure or to FTAA-MT impractical, a representative of FTAA-MT shall remain with the student until such student's parent or legal guardian has been contacted and informed of the intervening circumstances which make such transportation impractical; and the student has been delivered to his/her parent or legal guardian.

Transportation of Students with Disabilities

The school will request from the District appropriate transportation for students under 21 years of age whose programs have been prescribed by the District Committee on Special Education. Drivers of vehicles transporting these students will be informed of the special precautions pertinent to each case. Transportation will not be provided until all proper forms have been submitted.

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