Charlo Public School District 1 2 NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS 8111 3 4 5 Transportation of Students with Disabilities 6 Transportation shall be provided as a related service, when a student with a disability requires 7 8 special transportation in order to benefit from special education or to have access to an appropriate education placement. Transportation is defined as: 9 10 Travel to and from school and between schools; 11 (a) 12 Travel in and around school buildings or to those activities that are a regular part of the 13 (b) student's instructional program; 14 15 (c) Specialized equipment (such as special or adapted buses, lifts, and ramps) if required to 16 provide special transportation for a student with disabilities. 17 18 The Evaluation Team that develops the disabled student's Individualized Education Program will 19 determine, on an individual basis, when a student with a disability requires this related service. 20 Such recommendations must be specified on the student's IEP. Only those children with 21 disabilities who qualify for transportation as a related service under the provisions of the IDEA 22 shall be entitled to special transportation. All other children with disabilities in the District have 23 access to the District's regular transportation system under policies and procedures applicable to 24 all District students. Utilizing the District's regular transportation service shall be viewed as a 25 "least restrictive environment." 26 27 Mode of Transportation 28 29 One of the District's buses will be the preferred mode of transportation. Exceptions may be 30 made in situations where buses are prohibited from entering certain subdivisions due to 31 inadequate turning space, or when distance from school may seriously impact bus scheduling. In 32 such situations other arrangements, such as an individual transportation contract, may be 33 arranged with parents. Such voluntary agreement will stipulate in writing the terms of 34 reimbursement. 35 36 37 Cross Reference: 3300 Corrective Actions and Punishment 38 39 10.16.3820, ARM 40 Legal Reference: Transportation for Special Education Students with Disabilities 41 42 43 **Policy History:** Adopted on: 44 Revised on: 45