

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: April 8, 2008

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3420 – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews and approves the proposed changes to Policy 3420 – Transportation Services. This is the third reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 3420

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Policy Analysis for Proposed Revision to Policy 3420:
Routes and Services

Statement of Issues Addressed By the Proposed Policy Revision

Policy 3420 was originally adopted by the Board of Education in September 1968 and addresses the establishment, extension, and change of school bus routes and transportation services for private school students. The policy has not been updated since its original adoption. The proposed revision updates the language to reflect the current office title and references to private and non-public schools.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

There is no new fiscal impact on the system as a result of the proposed policy revision.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

A related policy as designated in the policy is: 3410, Responsibilities and Duties and 3430, Procedures for Emergencies

Legal Requirement

The legal references included in this policy:

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-801

COMAR 13a.06.07.03

Baltimore County Code, 2003, Article 28 §28-1-102

Similar Polices Adopted by Other School Systems

Policies for Transportation Services in Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Howard County Public Schools, and Montgomery County Public Schools were reviewed and analyzed as listed below:

Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Policy Name: Student Transportation Services

Policy #: 700

Howard County Public Schools

Policy Name: Pupil Transportation

Policy #: 5111

Montgomery County Public Schools

Policy Name: Student Transportation

Policy #: 44-7

Draft of Proposed Policy and Rule (see attached)

Other Alternative Considered By Staff

Proposed revisions were submitted after review of transportation operating procedures in three other Maryland counties.

First Reader, February 26, 2008

Citizen Comment, March 11, 2008

Proposed Date of Approval, April 8, 2008

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Transportation Services

Routes and Services

1. Regular Routes and Services

The establishment, extension, and change of school bus routes shall be the responsibility of the [Department] OFFICE of Transportation. Such establishment, extension, and change shall be based on established policies of the Board of Education OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) and the rules and regulations developed by the Superintendent [of Schools].

2. Transportation for [Non-Public] PRIVATE School Students

Children who attend [non-public] PRIVATE schools in Baltimore County may be eligible for school bus transportation on established school bus routes provided by the Board [of Education] from a point on public [highways] ROADWAYS nearest or most accessible to their respective homes, to a point on public [highways] ROADWAYS nearest or most accessible to their respective schools, without changing the route of the bus in question. These students shall be expected to conform to the same rules and regulations as [apply to] public school students.

Legal ReferenceS: *ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND*, EDUCATION ARTICLE
§7-801
COMAR 13A.06.07.03
Baltimore County Code, 2003, Article 28 §28-1-102

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