

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** May 21, 2013

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3420, ROUTES AND SERVICES**

**ORIGINATOR:** Michael Sines, Chief Operations Officer

**RESOURCE PERSON(S):** Jim Mitcherling, Director, Office of Transportation

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 3420. This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Policy 3420

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3420  
ROUTES AND SERVICES**

**Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed**

In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent's Rule 8130, Policy 3420 is scheduled for review in school year 2012-2013. Policy 3420 addresses the Board's responsibility to establish bus routes and provide transportation services for students. Staff is recommending Policy 3420 be revised to: (1) include a policy statement; (2) in Paragraph II.B., delete the word "children," and substitute the word "students;" (3) include an implementation section; and (4) conform with the Policy Review Committee's editing conventions.

**Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System**

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the revision of this policy.

**Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies**

1. Board of Education Policy 3410, *Responsibilities and Duties*

**Legal Requirements**

1. *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §§7-801 to -807, *Transportation*
2. COMAR 13A.06.07, *Student Transportation*
3. *Baltimore County Code*, 2003, Education Article §28-1-102, *Transportation of Private School Students - Authorized*

**Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems**

1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Policy EA, *Student Transportation Services*
2. Howard County Board of Education, Policy 5200, *Pupil Transportation*
3. Montgomery County Board of Education, Policy EEA, *Student Transportation*

**Draft of Proposed Policy**

Attached

**Other Alternatives Considered by Staff**

No other options were considered.

**Timeline**

First reading – May 21, 2013

Public comment – June 11, 2013

Third reading/vote – July 9, 2013

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Transportation Services

Routes and Services

I. POLICY STATEMENT

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) RECOGNIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL BUS ROUTES AND PROVIDE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

II. STANDARDS

A. [1.] Regular Routes and Services

THE OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR the establishment, extension, and change of school bus routes IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICIES, SUPERINTENDENT'S RULES, AND SCHOOL SYSTEM PROCEDURES. [shall be the responsibility of the 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.]

B. [2.] Transportation for Private School Students

1. A CHILD [Children] who attends A private ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY school[s] in Baltimore County may be eligible for school bus transportation on established school bus routes IF:
  - a. THE CHILD RESIDES NEAR A PUBLIC HIGHWAY OF THE COUNTY ON WHICH THE BOARD CURRENTLY OPERATES A PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS FOR TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO AND FROM BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND
  - b. TRANSPORTATION CAN BE provided [by the Board] from a point on THE public HIGHWAY [roadways] nearest or most accessible to THE CHILD'S HOME [their respective homes,] to a point on A public HIGHWAY [roadways] nearest or most accessible to THE CHILD'S PRIVATE SCHOOL, [their respective schools,] without changing the ESTABLISHED BUS route [of the bus] USED TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO AND FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS[in question].

2. PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS SHALL ADHERE TO THE SAME BEHAVIOR AND SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THOSE REQUIRED OF [These students shall be expected to conform to the same rules and regulations as] public school students.

### III. IMPLEMENTATION

THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §§7-801 TO -807,  
*TRANSPORTATION*  
COMAR 13A.06.07[.03], *STUDENT TRANSPORTATION*  
*Baltimore County Code*, 2003, EDUCATION Article §28-1-102,  
*TRANSPORTATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS -*  
*AUTHORIZED*

RELATED POLICY: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3410, *RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES*

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