

Transportation for Students With Disabilities

Intent of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students with disabilities who are entitled to transportation as a related service on their IEP are provided with appropriate transportation at no cost to their parents.

Transportation Program

The CEO or designee shall develop a program for providing transportation services to students with disabilities. The program shall:

1. Describe how special education is coordinated with any regular education transportation provided by Encore; and
2. Specify the criteria for meeting the transportation needs of students with disabilities including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. When an IEP team agrees that a student requires transportation as a related service, that information is timely communicated to the personnel coordinating transportation services;
 - b. Develop a process for coordinating Encore transportation services with the SELPA and other local educational agencies (“LEAs”) within the SELPA;
 - c. Ensure that any master contract between Encore and a non-public school or non-public agency (“NPS”) specifies the transportation services to be provided to each student;
 - d. For students enrolled in a NPS, the master contract or individual services agreement between Encore and the NPS shall specify that transportation services, if any, shall be provided by the NPS. While the NPA may subcontract to provide transportation services with another agency, including an LEA, the IEP of a student placed in an NPS shall not specify that transportation will be provided by another LEA;
 - e. Encore policies and procedures shall not limit Encore’s responsibility to appropriately monitor and maintain medical devices that are needed to maintain the health and safety of the individual, including breathing, nutrition, or operation of other bodily functions, while the individual is transported to and from school.



Options for Meeting Transportation Needs

As required by the individual needs of each student as specified by his/her IEP, Encore shall offer the following options for transportation:

1. Transportation by school bus operated by Encore or through contract with another LEA;
2. Taxi or other livery service;
3. Mileage reimbursement for parents transporting their children to and from school; and

Compatibility With Mobile Seating Devices

The CEO or designee shall ensure that there are procedures in place to ensure that transportation provided by Encore is compatible between mobile seating devices, when used, and the securement systems required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222 (49 C.F.R. § 571.222). All school bus drivers whether employed by Encore, or providing services pursuant to contracts for transportation services, shall be trained in the proper installation of mobile seating devices in the securement systems. (Ed. Code §§ 56195.8; 56441.14, 56363, 56366, 56836.23, 56836.20)