



East Ramapo Central School District

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A Unified Community Educating the Whole Child ...

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IMPORTANT NOTICE AND INFORMATION

Dear Parents of East Ramapo Central School District:

The purpose of this notice is to provide parents who place their children in a nonpublic school (private and/or parochial schools) with important information concerning transportation. Please pay close attention to the following important deadlines and procedures for securing District transportation for your student to a nonpublic school for the 2019-2020 School Year.

- 1) Required deadlines to secure District transportation for your student to a nonpublic school (NPS).
- 2) Special Education procedures to secure District transportation for your student to a nonpublic school (NPS).

Deadlines

Parents must complete and submit the District's Transportation Request Form by **April 1, 2019**, to request transportation to your student's NPS for the 2019-2020 school year. A copy of the form is available at the Transportation Office or can be downloaded from the District's website: <http://www.ercsd.org>.

If the student is new, you must submit the form AND a birth certificate AND proof of residency.

If the student is already receiving transportation but has moved within the last year you must submit the form AND proof of residency.

The Transportation Office will review each application for NPS transportation and will issue a verification of the student's transportation to the parents. Parents may also want to check with their respective student's NPS which may coordinate the completion and submission of these forms to the Transportation Office. The Education Law will approve timely requests for transportation to a nonpublic school within 15 miles of the student's home.

Special Education Procedures

Parents of a student classified as a student in need of special education may secure District transportation to their student's NPS for a distance up to 50 miles from the student's home if certain conditions are met by the New York Education Law. Parents who are planning on placing their student in a private special education school and are requesting District transportation for the 2019-2020 school year must also submit the Transportation Request Form.

If the NPS special education school is between 15 and 50 miles from the student's home, then the parent must contact the East Ramapo Central School District Office of Special Student Services to arrange for a review by the District's Committee on Special Education (CSE).

The Education Law states that students with disabilities parentally placed in private schools who are requesting District transportation beyond 15 miles and up to 50 miles from their home are entitled to such transportation if the child is attending the NPS for receiving services or programs similar to special educational programs recommended for such student by the local CSE. Parents should contact the Special Student Services Office at 845-577-6040 to arrange for a CSE meeting for your student if needed to request District transportation for the 2019-2020 school year as indicated in this communication.

As a unified community, the East Ramapo Central School District is committed to educating the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, supportive, engaging and challenging learning environment.