

# Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **POLICY**

The Board has the responsibility to provide appropriate transportation to eligible individuals, ages three years and older, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws. The nature and extent of transportation services to be provided each individual served shall be determined through the Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Service Plan (ISP) process. The determination shall be reviewed annually.

Each individual enrolled with the Board for services and supports and whose plan indicates so shall be assigned to an appropriate transportation route. Specific route assignments shall be made by the Board's manager of transportation or designee upon receipt of the appropriate authorization for program enrollment or notification that the Board has been selected as a non-medical transportation provider for individuals with a home and community based services (HCBS) waiver. If a determination is made through a student's (age 3 through age 21) Individual Education Plan (IEP), or the Individual Service Plan (ISP), that transportation other than Board provided transportation is a necessary part of that person's education or services, then the Board shall provide reimbursement for transportation to the parent or guardian (if applicable). Under these circumstances, a written agreement between the Board and the parent, guardian or authorized service provider shall be obtained prior to the provision of such transportation services (if applicable).

Provided there has been prior agreement between an adult served, a parent or other person having care of a child and the superintendent, or his/her designee, an individual with the Board who is willing to transport himself or herself by walking, riding public transportation or in other ways to successfully reach the site where services and supports are received may not be required to ride the transportation vehicles provided by the Board.

No person's transportation service may be suspended except by the superintendent or his/her designee, and then only for the protection of the individual's physical well-being or others' physical well-being. Such suspension shall be only for the minimum amount of time required to correct the harmful conditions or to conclude a change in services and supports that are needed.

References: OAC 3301-83 Pupil Transportation  
OAC 5123:2-9-18 Home and Community Based Services Waivers – Non-Medical Transportation

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