



"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"

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STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

(NOTE: The following policy applies only to students with legal residence in the Meade School District who attend a District school. It does not apply to non-resident students attending school in the Meade School District through open enrollment, or to resident students attending school in other districts through open enrollment.)

Elementary (K-8) students whose residence is outside the incorporated limits of a city and who live more than 2.5 miles from the school to which they are assigned, either will receive bus service or will receive mileage payments for the number of miles in excess of 5 miles. Elementary students living more than 2.5 miles from the bus route to which they are assigned will receive mileage payments for the number of miles in excess of 5 miles.

High school students may ride on designated bus routes on a space available basis. Daily bus service will be provided between Sturgis and the East Campus, with student pick-up points designated each year.

Transportation for students who need special or prolonged assistance will be provided pursuant to the student's Individual Education Plan.

High school students attending Sturgis Brown High School who do not have access to bus service may receive a mileage payment at the rate specified in SDCL 3-9-1 for one round trip per calendar week that school is in session. This payment will be for distances actually traveled in excess of 5 miles each way based upon the shortest distance measured from the place on a publicly used road nearest the dwelling house of the student to the High School. If there is more than one high school student in the same family, only one mileage payment per family will be made. If students from more than one family are transported in a single vehicle, mileage will be paid only to the family providing the vehicle.

Notwithstanding the above policy, the District recognizes that there are elementary students who are living in geographic areas where, prior to the 1998-99 school year, the District assigned students to schools in other districts and paid both tuition and mileage for them. Because of changes in state law, these students became open enrollment students. While the District has elected not to pay mileage to all open enrollment students, the District believes that these students should continue to be entitled to the mileage payments that they received in the past when they were tuition students.

Therefore, the District will pay mileage at the rate specified in SDCL 3-9-1 for those elementary students residing in a geographic area of the District where, prior to 1998-99, the District assigned students and paid tuition to schools in other districts, provided that the students are attending a school in another district that is closer to their residence than a school in the Meade School District.

Should the District close a rural school, and should the closest school for the students living in that school's attendance area be in another district, the District also will pay mileage for such students.

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