



Students With Special Needs

Vehicles are equipped with two-way radios to allow drivers to communicate directly with the Transportation Department.

Specially adapted seats, support and/or protective devices shall be used for all students who require such devices to ensure safe transportation. These shall be selected in consultation with the parents on the basis of the specific needs of the student.

Chaperones will be assigned to supervise and assist students in transit as deemed necessary by the Coordinator of Transportation and/or Director of Special Education.

Drivers and chaperones are required to have in-service training in first aid and in dealing with specific needs of the children on the route.

Responsibilities of parents/guardians

- Have the student dressed and ready to board the vehicle five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time;
- Provide and assume responsibility for the movement of the student from the residence to the curbside for pick up, and from the curbside to the residence upon return of the student from school, and
- Communicate problems with special transportation to the Transportation Department at 651-423-7863.
- In the event it is determined that the matter is beyond the scope of the Transportation Department, the Special Education Department will be contacted for assistance.

Minnesota Administrative Rules 7470.1700, Drivers and Aides for Pupils with Disabilities

Subd. 2. Information necessary. Each aide assigned to a vehicle transporting pupils with a disability, or driver if no aide is assigned, or both, shall have available to them in the vehicle an information card indicating:

- *The pupil's name and address;*
- *The nature of the pupil's disabilities;*
- *Emergency health care information; and*
- *The names and telephone numbers of the pupil's physician, parents, guardians, or custodians, and some person other than the pupil's parents or custodians who can be contacted in case of an emergency.*