

Charter School Transportation Plans

Overview

The Louisiana Department of Education is committed to ensuring that all students have access to the school of their choice. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) requires all state-authorized charter schools to provide transportation to and from school for all students living in the parish in which the school is located and who live more than 1 mile from the school. Section 2801 of Bulletin 126 outlines the criteria for provision of transportation of students.

Transportation Plans

The Louisiana Department of Education is responsible for approving Transportation Plans for all state-authorized charter schools.

Transportation Plans, which shall include the subsequent page of this document and the requested school transportation policy, should be submitted to the Louisiana Department of Education by the deadline specified each year. Charter operators are required to submit Transportation Plans in the year prior to the renewal of the school's charter contract, or when the method of providing transportation to eligible students changes. Charter Management Organizations may submit separate plans for individual schools or one plan for the entire organization.

Transportation Oversight

Each school is expected to abide by the policies and procedures outlined in the approved Transportation Plan, relevant BESE policy, and [R.S. 17:158\(J\)](#). Schools that fall out of compliance with existing BESE policy or do not follow the guidelines set forth in their approved Transportation Plans may be subject to LDOE intervention procedures as outlined in the Charter School Performance Compact.

School Transportation Policy Requirements

In addition to the information listed in the table below, LEAs should attach and submit a copy of the transportation policy from their student handbook to the Department. This policy must include the process implemented when the parent or guardian of a student under the age of 10 or with a relevant transportation accommodation in the student's IEP is not at the bus stop.

Transportation policies may also include the following information:

- Student bus behavior expectations that align with the school's class behavior expectations and the BESE Model Master Discipline Plan
- Procedures for assigning bus stops to new students
- Procedures for parents and students to notify the school of issues involving transportation
- Bus driver behavior expectations

- Communication procedures between the bus operator, the school, and parents in the event of an emergency situation

Louisiana Charter School Transportation Data Sheet		Charter Type: <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
School Name(s):		CMO Name (if applicable):	
Transportation Point of Contact Name:			
Transportation Point of Contact Phone:			
Transportation Point of Contact Email:			
Method(s) of transportation provided to students:		Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership with local school district <input type="checkbox"/> Contracting with private transportation provider(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Buses or vans owned by school <input type="checkbox"/> Providing students access to public transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe in attached documents)	
List the name(s) of the transportation provider(s) selected in the row above: <i>If a provider has not yet been selected, please indicate how your organization will obtain a transportation provider for the 2020-2021 school year.</i>			
How many students do you anticipate will need transportation?			
Summarize the method(s) and provider(s) your organization will use to provide transportation to students with specific transportation accommodations in their IEP:			

Assurance is hereby made to the State Department of Education that this Transportation Plan has been developed in compliance with all applicable BESE policies and procedures, and that all transportation employees either contracted with or employed directly by the LEA have received required background checks through the LBCI. All documentation relevant to this Transportation Plan shall be maintained on file by the local education agency.

CMO or School Leader Signature

Date