

TRANSPORTATION

2010

In an effort to answer the many questions that arise each year concerning transportation to non-public schools, we have prepared the following summary of the most important facts.

The Education Law of New York State requires all non-city public school districts to provide transportation to students in grades K-12. Some of the important specifics of that law are:

1. Students in grades K-8 must live more than two (2) miles and less than fifteen (15) miles from the school they will attend.
2. Students in grades 9-12 must live more than three (3) miles and less than fifteen (15) miles from the school they will attend.
3. **MOST IMPORTANT**: The deadline for parents to submit requests for transportation to the Public School district is **APRIL 1, 2010**. Districts may deny (and, in fact, have denied) requests for transportation that arrive in the Public School offices after April 1. This request must be in writing. Many districts have their own special form for this purpose. We strongly urge you to obtain the proper form from your local Public School Office of Transportation. Fill out the form and return the form immediately. Early February is **NOT** too early.
4. City School Districts - Glen Cove, Long Beach and New York City - are **NOT** required to provide transportation beyond the city limit, unless voters have approved this practice. The City of Long Beach has provided transportation to private schools for a number of years. The City of Glen Cove does not provide transportation for students in grades 9-12. The City of New York does not provide transportation beyond the city limits.
5. Late Bus - School districts are not required by law to provide late bus transportation. However, many districts do provide late bus transportation. If late bus transportation is provided, it must be made available equally to non-public and public school pupils.