Subject: Transportation Program

The District shall comply with the New York State Education Law, with the regulations of the Public Service Commission of the Department of Transportation, and with the Commissioner of Education’s regulations and decisions pertinent to pupil transportation, and these shall govern any questions not covered by specific declaration of policy herein.

The purposes of the transportation program are to transport students to and from school, to transport them for extracurricular activities, to transport them on field trips and to transport those requiring special services.

Section 3635 of the Education Law requires the District to provide the following:

a) Transportation between home and school for all children attending Kindergarten through Grade 8 who live at least two miles but not more than fifteen miles from the school they legally attend, including any non-public schools.

b) Transportation between home and school for all children attending Grade 9 through Grade 12 who live at least three miles but not more than fifteen miles from the school they legally attend, including any non-public school.

c) If the District provides transportation to a non-public school for any child living within fifteen miles from such school, the District shall designate one or more public schools as centralized pick-up points and shall provide transportation between such points and such non-public schools for students residing in the District who live too far from such non-public schools to qualify for transportation between home and school. The District shall not be responsible for the provision of transportation for pupils between their homes and such pick up points. The cost of providing transportation between pick-up points and such non-public schools shall be an ordinary contingent expense.
Subject: Transportation Program (Continued)

The Williamson Central School District includes appropriation in its proposed annual budget for the following:

a) Transportation between home and school for all children attending Kindergarten through Grade 12 who live not more than fifteen miles from the public school they legally attend, with no minimum distance required.

b) Transportation to a non-public school for any child living not more than fifteen miles from such school. The District shall designate one or more pickup points for children living within the Williamson Central School District but more than fifteen miles from the non-public school they wish to attend if transportation is being provided to that school for others residing within the fifteen mile limit. The District shall provide transportation between the designated pickup point and the non-public school attended and may use District transportation between home and designated pickup point providing there is room on the bus.

c) All transportation provided beyond the requirements of Section 3635 of the Education Law must be approved annually by the voters as a part of the annual budget or by a separate proposition approved by the voters.

Any change in the student transportation requirements of the Education Law are deemed automatically incorporated in this policy.

Education Law Section 3635

Approved: Board of Education
June 26, 2002

Approved: Board of Education
June 13, 2007