



# **Special Education Advisory Committee**

## **Draft Policy 6210 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

### **Recommendations Summary**

**June 9, 2022**

Prepared For:  
SEAC Membership  
Special Education Community  
Loudoun County School Board

## Overview: Policy 6210

### STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Loudoun County School Board shall provide transportation to students and maximize school walk zones in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Education, and the guidelines established within this policy. All decisions regarding student transportation are vested with the school division but may be appealed to a committee of the School Board.

SEAC has reviewed the draft policy and determined that it does not reflect the needs of students with disabilities.

### Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Line 123, Item 3. Remove word 'Temporary' from the title to read "Disability". Remove "suffering temporary" before "disability" and replace with "with a". After word 'within', ADD new language, "1.0 mile for elementary school or 1.25 miles walking distance for secondary students of a building or bus stop". Line 125 remove word "temporary".

Suggested Wording:

123 3. Disability. Students with a disability living within 1.0 mile for elementary  
124 school or 1.25 miles walking distance for secondary students of a building or  
125 bus stop may be provided transportation for the term of the disability based  
126 upon availability of transportation equipment.

Recommendation 2: *At the SEAC meeting to consider these recommendations, Donna Smith, Director of Special Education Procedural Support, agreed that the school system cannot remove the related service from the IEP without parental consent. Ms. Smith stated her opinion that the school system can suspend the student from transportation, but the would be a disciplinary suspension like a short- or long-term suspension.*

Line 136, add "Transportation provided to a student with a disability through their IEP as a related service shall not be denied transportation for disciplinary reasons."

Suggested Wording:

135 5. Disciplinary Action. Students may be denied transportation services by  
136 the school division for disciplinary reasons. Transportation provided to a  
137 student with a disability through their Individual Education Program (IEP) as a  
138 related service should not be denied transportation due to disciplinary reasons.

## SEAC Membership Vote

### **SEAC Membership Vote on Recommendations**

**Quorum:** 14 out of 17 SEAC Members present – Quorum Established

**Motion:** Melissa Waugh made a motion to vote on proposed recommendations 1 and 2. Shehnaz Khan, seconded the motion.

**Vote Summary:** Unanimous