

Contracting for Transportation Services

If the Board enters into a contract for transportation services, the contractor shall operate such equipment according to District policy and the rules and regulations of the Board of Public Education. The contract shall be in effect for not more than five years. Prior to entering into the first such contract, the District shall determine that the cost of contracting for the ensuing term will not exceed the projected costs of operating its own system. Before any transportation contract to a private party or contractor is awarded, the Trustees shall:

1. Secure bids by advertising for a 21-day period (three consecutive weeks); or
2. Negotiate a new contract with the present contractor, provided the new contract does not exceed by more than 12 percent per year of basic costs of the previous contract.

No money shall be expended unless a contract with a private carrier has been executed. The Board Chair shall sign such contracts on behalf of the District.

The District reserves the right to own, operate, and to choose with respect to any other form of transportation, whether it be regular school, co-curricular, extra-curricular or District business programs, that means of transportation that best fits the needs of the District at that particular time as judged by the Board.

Legal Reference:	§ 20-10-102, MCA	School bus requirements
	§ 20-10-125, MCA	Bid letting for contracts - payments under transportation contract
	§ 20-10-107, MCA	Powers of Trustees
	10.7.108, ARM	Bus Contract

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