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Transportation

01 What is Special Transportation?

- Related service
- determined necessary by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team
- Provided if it's deemed necessary for the student to benefit from their special education program

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Who Qualifies for Special Transportation?

Students with mobility needs	
	Students with behavioral challenges
Students who are vulnerable	
	Students who are medically fragile

03 Transportation Accommodations

- Specific to concerns with behavior and vulnerability
- Start with the least restrictive / intrusive
- Trial accommodations for 6 weeks if possible
- Collect data on success of accommodations

Accommodations

Regular Transportation

Preventative

- Social stories
- Practice boarding, sitting, and deboarding
- Visual expectations
- Visual schedule of bus stops
- Boarding first or last

Sensory

- Noise cancelling headphones
- Music
- Fidgets

Preferred Item

- Book, tech, busy activity



Preferential Seating

- Front of bus
- Individual seat
- Away from particular peer
- Seat buddy

Incentive Programs



Accommodations

Special Transportation

Alternate Ride

- Smaller bus, lift bus, or van

Accommodations

- Visual maps

Training

- Training provided by district behavioral support specialists each year
- Student specific training as needed throughout the year

Safety modifications

- Seatbelt, safety vests
- ESPs riding the bus
- Eye to eye
- Hand to hand

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