

POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON EDUCATION

Nonpublic School Pupils

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State Aid to Nonpublic Schools

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that public funds should not be used for nonpublic schools. *[Authority: DA 12/67-3, DA 12/69-2, DA 5/75-10, DA 12/81-11, DA 12/94-9, DA 11/01-SR, DA 5/97-SR]*
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that there should be a moratorium placed on public funding to nonpublic school children and that statutes mandating aid to nonpublic pupils, including textbook aid, transportation and technology aid and auxiliary services, should be repealed. *[Authority: DA 12/91-CR (QEA), DA 5/97-SR, DA 5/05-2]*
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that until the public funding of nonpublic schools is abolished state aid to nonpublic schools, including textbook, transportation and technology aid, should be directly administered by the Department of Education without involvement by local school districts. *[Authority: DA 5/05-2]*
- D. **The NJSBA believes** that so long as districts are required to administer the flow of public funds to nonpublic schools, districts should be reimbursed for all cost incurred by public schools in connection with the administration of that aid. *[Authority: DA 12/67-3; DA 12/69-2; DA 12/74-1, 2; DA 5/75-10; DA 6/81-8; DA 12/81-11; DA 12/92-CR (Transportation); DA 5/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 5/07-SR, DA 5/12-SR, DA 5/17-SR]*

Transportation of Nonpublic Students

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that local school districts should not be responsible for the transportation of students to nonpublic schools.
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that so long as districts are required by statute to provide transportation for children attending nonpublic schools, the nonpublic schools should be required to coordinate their transportation needs with the responsible public school districts. *[Authority: DA 12/67-3, DA 12/69-2, DA 6/81-8, DA 12/81-12, DA 12/87-3, DA 12/92-CR (Transportation), DA 5/97-SR]*
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that school districts should be reimbursed for the actual cost of private school aid in lieu of transportation paid to parents. The maximum transportation reimbursement to parents for pupils attending private schools should be limited to the amount authorized for one student, for any two or more students from the same household attending the same private school on common schedules. *[Authority: DA 6/78-17, DA 12/81-12, DA 12/91-4, DA 12/92-CR (Transportation), DA 5/97-SR]*
- D. **The NJSBA believes** that a constituent elementary school district with transportation of its own within a regional high school district without transportation of its own should be allowed to transport nonpublic school students provided all affected parties agree to the arrangement. *[Authority: DA 12/94-16, DA 5/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 5/07-SR, DA 5/12-SR, DA 5/17-SR]*

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	3230	Federal funds
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