

Questions and responses to Bid 009-LL08 Transportation for Special Needs Students

1) What is the number of students that need to be transported per day/week?

At this time, transportation is needed for three (3) students. However, that number can change at any time. We have no way to predict in advance when a new student could require this type of specialized transportation. Further, the circumstances of a student currently being provided with this specialized transportation can also change at any time.

2) What is the service area radius and the approximate miles per day that need to be covered?

Students may live anywhere within Miami-Dade County, and require transportation to/from any Miami-Dade County Public School.

3) What are the expected hours of operation?

The hours of operation are determined by the school each individual student attends.

4) What is the age group of the students?

Students can be at any grade level served by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (Pre-Kindergarten up through and including grade 12)

5) What are some of the major categories of the special needs that need to be served?

The special needs of each student are unique to each individual student. In some cases, the disabilities of the student can manifest in behaviors that could pose a problem for the safety of the student, driver and attendant/aide, and other students riding on the bus. In other cases, the disabilities of the student necessitate the shortest possible ride time between the student's residence and school, which cannot be accommodated within the school bus routes operated by the school district. However, it is important to note that this specialized transportation will be authorized when, and only when, it has been determined that a student is not able to be transported by school bus.

6) What is the number of allowed and expected students per vehicle?

At this time, only one (1) student will be transported at a time per vehicle. However, multiple trips (each transporting a student) can be made by a vehicle, school schedules and distance permitting. This will be the case with two of the students requiring transportation – one vehicle can make two trips (transporting one student on each trip to/from a different school).