

Office of the General Counsel
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SUBJECT: INITIAL **READING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL
BOARD POLICY 8660, *ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION
METHODS***

COMMITTEE: **PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN:** **SAFE, HEALTHY & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

Consistent with the Board's responsibility to review and update policies, and pursuant to Board action, authorization is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend School Board Policy 8660, *Alternative Transportation Methods*. This policy is proposed for amendment pursuant to April 2026 Item H-9, "E-Bike and Micromobility Safety Initiative for Students Within Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)," proffered by Board Member Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, which directed the Superintendent to, among other things, initiate rulemaking to implement findings and recommendations on student micromobility safety.

Policy 8660 is proposed for amendment to incorporate enforceable rules and expectations associated with micromobility devices, defined by statute to include both human-powered and nonhuman-powered devices such as bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, or any other devices that are owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet. Consistent with Item H-9, the amended policy would provide that students prohibited by State law and/or applicable local ordinances from operating micromobility devices may not bring or possess such devices on District property. The amended policy would also require micromobility devices to be parked in designated areas on District property, not blocking ingress or egress; prohibit District electrical outlets from being used to charge micromobility devices unless approved by the principal; require students to walk or carry their micromobility devices upon entering and at all times while on District property, including in parking lots and pathways (and to have a helmet as required by applicable law); and clarify that a student who brings a micromobility device to school does so at his or her own personal risk and is personally responsible for the security of the device. Additionally, the policy would clarify that bringing micromobility devices onto school grounds is a privilege, and that violations of these rules may result in this privilege being rescinded.

These policy amendments were drafted in collaboration with and reviewed by the Superintendent, Cabinet, and District staff. The Notice of Intended Action and policies with strikethroughs and underlines are attached.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Policy 8660, *Alternative Transportation Methods*.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on September 9, 2026, its intention to amend School Board Policy 8660, *Alternative Transportation Methods*, at its meeting of October 14, 2026.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: School Board Policy 8660, *Alternative Transportation Methods*, is proposed for amendment as a result of Board action directing the Superintendent to address micromobility device use on school grounds.

SUMMARY: Policy 8660, *Alternative Transportation Methods*, is proposed for amendment to incorporate enforceable rules and expectations associated with micromobility devices, defined by statute to include both human-powered and nonhuman-powered devices such as bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, or any other devices that are owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet. The amended policy would provide that students prohibited by State law and/or applicable local ordinances from operating micromobility devices may not bring or possess such devices on District property; require micromobility devices to be parked in designated areas on District property, not blocking ingress or egress; prohibit District electrical outlets from being used to charge micromobility devices unless approved by the principal; require students to walk or carry their micromobility devices upon entering and at all times while on District property, including in parking lots and pathways (and to have a helmet); and clarify that a student who brings a micromobility device to school does so at his or her own personal risk and is personally responsible for the security of the device. The policy would clarify that bringing micromobility devices onto school grounds is a privilege, and that violations of these rules may result in this privilege being rescinded.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: Fla. Stat. ss. 1001.32(2); 1001.41(1)–(2); 1001.42(8); 1001.43(1); 1006.22.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED INTERPRETED OR MADE SPECIFIC: Fla. Stat. ss. 316.003; 316.2065; 316.2068; 316.2128; 1001.42(18); 1006.22.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF October 14, 2026, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided in Section 120.54(1), F.S., must do so in writing by October 6, 2026, to the Superintendent, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED POLICY are available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.



Book	Policy Manual
Section	September 9, 2026 – <u>Initial</u> Reading
Title	ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION METHODS
Code	8660
Status	<u>Initial</u> Reading

8660 - ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION METHODS

I. Regular Transportation - In School Buses

School buses, as defined in Florida statutes, shall be used for all regular transportation of students, pre-kindergarten through grade 12. "Regular transportation" or "regular use" means transportation to and from school or school-related activities which are part of a scheduled series or sequence of events to the same location. School buses are to be used whenever practical.

II. Regular Transportation - In Other Vehicles

Regular transportation of students in motor vehicles other than school buses may occur only when the transportation is:

- A. for a physically handicapped or isolated student and the Board has elected to provide for the transportation of the student through written contracts or agreements;
- B. part of a comprehensive contract for a specialized educational program between the Board and a service provider for instruction, transportation, and other services;
- C. provided through a public transit system; or
- D. is for trips to and from school sites or agricultural education sites or for trips to and from agricultural education-related events or competitions but is not customary transportation between a student's residence and such sites; and

- E. for trips to and from school sites to allow students to participate in a career education program that is not offered at the high school in which such students are enrolled but is not customary transportation between a student's residence and such sites.

When the regular transportation of students is provided, as authorized above, in a vehicle other than a school bus that is owned, operated, rented, contracted, or leased by the District, the following provisions shall apply:

- A. The vehicle must be designed to transport fewer than ten (10) students or be a multifunction school activity bus, as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 571.3, if designed to transport more than ten (10) persons. Students must be transported in designated seating positions and must use the occupant crash protection system provided by the manufacturer unless the student's physical condition prohibits such use.
- B. An authorized vehicle may not be driven by a student on a public right-of-way. An authorized vehicle may be driven by a student on school or private property as part of the student's educational curriculum if no other student is in the vehicle.
- C. The driver of an authorized vehicle transporting students must maintain a valid driver license and must comply with the requirements of the District's locally adopted safe driver plan, which includes a review of driving records for disqualifying violations.

III. Transportation by Private Vehicle

Except as provided above, the transportation of students in private vehicles may be authorized by the principal on a case-by-case basis only when:

- A. a student is ill or injured and must be taken home or to a medical treatment facility under non-emergency circumstances and
 - 1. the school has been unable to contact the student's parent or guardian, or such parent, guardian, or responsible adult designated by the parent or guardian is not available to provide the transportation; and
 - 2. proper adult supervision of the student is available at the location to which the student is being transported; and
 - 3. the transportation is approved by the Principal; and
 - 4. if the school had been unable to contact the parent or guardian prior to the transportation, the school continues to attempt to contact the parent or guardian until the school is able to notify

the parent or guardian of the transportation and the circumstances.

- B. the transportation is in connection with a school function or event in which the school has undertaken to participate and
 - 1. the function is a single event which is not part of a scheduled series or sequence of events to the same location, such as, but not limited to, a field trip, recreational outing, a competitive or cooperative event, or an event connected to an educational program; and
 - 2. transportation is not available, as a practical matter, using a school bus or Board passenger car; and
 - 3. each student's parent or guardian is notified in writing about the transportation arrangement and gives written consent before a student is transported in a private vehicle.
- C. Board employees are required to use their own vehicle to perform duties of employment and such duties include the occasional transportation of students.

Any private vehicle used to transport students under this policy shall be currently registered in the State of Florida, be insured for personal injury protection and property damage liability in at least the minimum amounts required by law, and be in good working order. A Board employee, parent, or other adult wishing to transport students in a private vehicle will request approval by submitting their driver's license, vehicle registration, and insurance ID card along with the completed Form 8660 F1 to the principal in a reasonable amount of time before the planned travel. The principal will follow the established procedure to determine whether approval of the request to transport students in a private vehicle is appropriate.

Student transportation in private vehicles may only be authorized for trips within the State of Florida. A student who is transported to an activity in a private vehicle approved under this policy shall return from the activity in the same vehicle, unless the student is released to their parent.

IV. **Micromobility Devices**

Parents of students not riding school buses are solely responsible for providing necessary assistance, protection, and overall safety of their student while traveling to and from school. This includes choosing the appropriate mode of transportation based on the student's age and maturity level.

A micromobility device is a motorized transportation device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36 inches in width and 50 pounds or

less in weight and which operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but no more than 28 miles per hour. The term includes both a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device such as a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or any other device that is owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet.

Micromobility devices must be used responsibly and in accordance with State law and applicable local ordinances. The following conditions apply to the use of micromobility devices on District property:

- A. Students who are prohibited by State law and/or applicable local ordinances from operating a micromobility device may not bring or possess a micromobility device on District property.
- B. Micromobility devices must be parked in designated areas on District property (e.g., bike compounds or racks). These devices must not block ingress or egress or be placed in any location that would compromise safety and access. It is the responsibility of the owner to lock and secure the micromobility device.
- C. Owners of electrically powered micromobility devices must charge their equipment prior to arriving at school. Electrical outlets at schools or other District sites may not be used for charging these devices unless authorized by the principal.
- D. Micromobility devices may not be ridden on District property. Students must walk or carry their micromobility devices upon entering and at all times while on District property, including in parking lots and pathways. In accordance with State law, students under 16 years of age and in possession of a micromobility device must have an appropriate helmet with them while they are with their device.
- E. Any student who chooses to bring a micromobility device to school does so at his or her own personal risk and is personally responsible for the security of the device. The Board and school employees are not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to micromobility devices brought onto District property.

Possession of a micromobility device on school board property is a privilege, and students who violate this policy may be prohibited from bringing such devices onto District property and/or may be subject to discipline under the applicable Code of Student Conduct.

V. Insurance/Liability

Board employees will be covered by the Board's liability program when they are transporting students as part of their assigned or related duties. Except for workers' compensation, benefits due from private vehicle insurance will be

primary according to State law.

Parents or other adults are not covered by the Board's liability program when they are transporting students and must have adequate insurance during the time that the vehicle is being used to transport students.

VI. Emergency Threat to Student Health or Safety

Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy, in an emergency situation which constitutes an imminent threat to student health or safety, school personnel may take whatever action is necessary under the circumstances to protect students.

Any employee who violates this policy is subject to discipline up to and including termination from employment.

The Superintendent shall develop the necessary forms and administrative procedures to implement this policy.

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Legal References:

[F.S. 316.003](#)

[F.S. 316.2065](#)

[F.S. 316.2068](#)

[F.S. 316.2128](#)

F.S. 1006.22

[F.S. 1006.23](#)

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