



# Georgia Department of Education

## Policies and Procedures

Policy Title:	<b>MARTA, State Schools</b>		
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### Purpose:

To specify guidance regarding students riding the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, MARTA, bus system.

### Applicability

This policy applies to the students at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf.

### Policy

Only students that have written parental/guardian permission in conjunction with the approval of the school director shall be able to ride MARTA buses.

### Procedures

1. The Individualized Education Planning, IEP, team should provide input regarding a student's functioning level and ability to ride MARTA buses unattended by an adult. The information will be used by the school director or his/her designee in considering a recommendation for a student to ride MARTA buses.
2. The pickup and drop off MARTA bus point is right outside AASD's main entrance.
3. Students should not carry valuables in easily accessible places in backpacks or purses on MARTA buses.
4. Students should go directly to and from MARTA buses.
5. It is expected that all students will adhere to school rules of behavior and decorum in traveling to and from AASD on MARTA buses.
6. AASD's Transportation Policy, SS-4013 ED, states that at the start of each school year, parents/guardians must indicate a primary mode of transportation for each student. If the primary mode is adjusted or a change is needed, advanced notice must be provided to AASD in writing by the parent/guardian. AASD shall contact the parent/guardian of the student regardless of the student's age if written approval is not provided.