

Baseline post-16 transport policy for London Transport Partnerships for the 2003/04 academic year

Suggested criteria		Rationale
Age		
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 16 years old on the 1st September 2003, but • under 19 years old on 1st September 2003 or • has begun a course at the establishment before reaching the age of 19 and continues to attend the course. 	Education Bill Schedule 19 "509AC Interpretation of sections 509 AA and 509 AB (1)"
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to full-time students and to special needs students on either full or part-time courses where there is a reference to transport needs made in the student's Statement of Special Needs or Transition Plan 	<p>Education Bill Schedule 19</p> <p>A full-time student attends school or college for a minimum of 12 hours per week</p>
Students with Special Educational Needs		
3	<p>The Council (Education Arts and Libraries Directorate or Social Services):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide transport support for students where transport support has been mentioned in the student's Statement of Special Educational Needs, or Transition Plan. • To provide support up to the academic year in which the students become 21 years old. Sympathetic consideration should be given to extending support to students with disabilities or learning difficulties up to the age of 25. 	The Transport for Students in FE Final Report 2002 recommends support to the age of 21 as a minimum In the Executive Summary and Good Practice Guide.

4	Partnerships should continue to provide support for students with special educational needs at the level provided in the 2002-03 academic year, or no less favourable support than that provided for school attendance, whichever is the greater.	
Distance criteria		
5	Students living more than 'daily travelling distance' from their school or college should be considered for LSC residential support provided this scheme continues.	See www.lsc.gov.uk/news_docs/Residential_Pilot_Application2.doc
6	<p>Students must live 3 miles or more, by the nearest available route, from a school or college where an appropriate course is provided</p> <p>In determining " the nearest reasonable route" and " an appropriate course," the LEA shall have regard... to any wish of the parent of a student for him to be provided with education ... at a school. or other establishment in which the religious education provided is that of the religion ofhis parents</p>	<p>Education Bill Schedule 19 "509AB (4) ..a local education authority shall have regard...to the nature of the route or alternative routes, which he could reasonably be expected to take.</p> <p>Education Bill Schedule 19 "509A (3) financial assistance in respect of reasonable travelling expenses.....</p> <p>Education Bill Schedule 19 "509AB (4)</p>
7	Students with special educational needs who need transport support must live 3 miles or more from their school/college by the nearest available, route unless paragraph 8 applies	
8	Distance criteria may be waived where students have physical disabilities that necessitate transport support or can demonstrate other exceptional circumstances that make it reasonable to provide travel support for distances under 3 miles	

Course and school/college criteria		
9	As lead agency for each Partnership LEAs to be responsible for all cases. Resources will be allocated by the Partnership to LEAs and colleges. LEAs will concentrate resources and administrative support on students attending school sixth forms. Colleges will concentrate resources and administration on support for their own students.	Needed because LEAs fund residents and colleges fund students and to ensure that all students are covered. Furthermore, colleges will have to undertake to use a large percentage of their Learner Support Funds for student travel and travel support has to be delivered in partnership.
10	LEAs will consider funding transport costs for college students where the college will not provide it for some clear and rational reason.	
11	Recognised schools and colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • schools, • maintained or assisted institutions, • institutions within the further education sector, • establishments receiving LSC funding 	Education Bill Schedule 19 509A (2)
Income		
12	Students are eligible for transport support where the level of parental income qualifies for Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance or other appropriate benefit, or they have evidence of approved asylum seeker status	
13	Students are eligible for transport support where they are not eligible for an EMA.	Transport For Students in Further Education Final Report 2002 5. 4.14 ..the EMA is expected to cover most travel costs.....
14	Students in receipt of EMAs are only eligible for transport support where they can demonstrate an exceptional case for support.	Exceptional could include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specialist courses, • SEN students and EMA students where travel costs at the cheapest rate exceed the amount of EMA received
15	Students undertaking training schemes where travel support is provided are not entitled to Partnership transport support.	It is a basic premise that students should not receive double funding.