

# What is “Aid in Lieu”?

**The law (NJ 18A :39-1.8) requires Jackson to offer either transportation or what is known as “Aid in Lieu of transportation” to students who wish to attend a non-profit school within 2 to 20 miles from their Jackson home.**

We accomplish this in a number of ways, including:

- Utilizing district buses and drivers to accomplish these bus routes;
- Contracting out the routes to a private contractor or educational services commission; or
- Entering into a jointure with another district to have its resident students join another bus run being managed by another district.

If the options above cannot be accomplished within the specific cost established each year by the Department of Education (\$1,000 per student), then the district must offer the students “Aid in Lieu” of transportation (AIL).

- Maximum amount is \$1,000 per student.
- Parents receive AIL only if students are eligible for transportation and the district is unable to provide it another way for the state-designated amount.
- AIL is simply an alternate way of providing the transportation itself. Therefore, if students are not eligible for one, they are not eligible for the other.