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<b>Statement</b>	When the father and mother and/or guardian have joint custody of a student, then Alternate Address Transportation applies.
<b>Procedures</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since transportation is provided to a student based on the primary address, the student's alternate address shall be handled in accordance with Procedure 205 Alternative Address. Use a Student Transportation Information Form F11.</li> <li>2. Joint Custody Transportation is only considered when both addresses are within the attendance boundary of the school.</li> <li>3. Parents must provide up to date information to the schools regarding custody arrangements.</li> <li>4. If Joint Custody Transportation is not available the father and mother and/or guardian must decide which address is the primary address. Transportation will be provided from that address if it meets all eligibility criteria.</li> <li>5. Where the parents cannot agree to the weekly schedule or the pick-up/drop off location, the parent with the greater share custody (as per court documents) will determine the pick-up/drop off location. If the situation involves a 50% joint custody situation (as per court documents), the parents must agree on the pick-up/drop off location otherwise transportation will not be provided to either parent. Proof of a legal agreement must be provided to the school before any bus service can resume.</li> </ol>
<b>Joint Custody Alternating Each Week</b>	On a permanent basis, when a student resides alternately for one week with his/her father or guardian, and the next week with his/her mother or guardian, transportation services can be granted by RRDTS when both addresses are within the attendance boundary of the school.
<b>Joint Custody During the Same Week</b>	<p>On a permanent basis, when a student resides, during the same week, alternately with his/her father or guardian for a few days, and then with his/her mother or guardian for another few days, RRDTS can grant transportation services if the following criteria are met:</p> <p>Both Addresses are within the attendance boundary of the school.</p>



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<p><b>Joint Custody During the Same Week..... continued</b></p>	<p><u>Regular and Fixed Pattern</u> – Parents are encouraged to work with the Board to try and adjust schedules to establish a regular and manageable weekly schedule for bussing. Schedules are to be submitted to the RRDTS well in advance of the start of the school year. The RRDTS will work with parents and principals well in advance to try and establish a regular manageable schedule to accommodate custodial arrangements while maintaining student safety.</p> <p>Requests for changes under one week (1 to 4 days) do not constitute a regular and fixed pattern, and therefore, will not be considered.</p> <p>When reviewing a schedule to determine if it is manageable, safety of the student will be paramount in the review.</p> <p>Examples of regular and fixed pattern are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday to Friday: a.m. pick-up one location, p.m. drop-off one location (a.m. and p.m. locations may be different, but consistent each day).</li> <li>• Monday to Wednesday: pick-up and drop-off at one location; Thursday to Friday pick up and drop off another location.</li> <li>• Monday to Friday week 1: one pick-up and one drop-off at same location, Monday to Friday week 2, one pick up and one drop off at another location. Week 1 and 2 will alternate.</li> <li>• Other schedules may be reviewed to establish a manageable safe schedule.</li> </ul> <p>Example of a schedule that is not regular is alternating between one location and another on a 4 day cycle. (This means that for 4 days in row at one location and then next 4 days at another location. This reflects that each week is not the same on a one or two week cycle.)</p>
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