

# The Least Restrictive Transportation Environment Continuum: What Every IEP Committee Should Know

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**Continuum of Transportation Related Service Options for Students with Disabilities**  
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 Least Restrictive Transportation Environment (LRTE) ←-----→ Most Restrictive Transportation Environment

Safe Routes to School	Parents Transport without District Reimbursement						Parents Transport with District Reimbursement						District Contracts for Commercial Service					
	Regular Route School Bus Service			Special Needs School Bus Route Service			Public Transit Bus Mixed Use Service			Paratransit Bus Service			Commercial Accessible Bus and Taxi Service					
Ww Student rides train to and from school alone or with parent 	<b>RRDO</b> Student uses regular route school bus with driver alone 	<b>RRDTL</b> Student uses regular route school bus with lift, driver and monitor 	<b>RRDT</b> Student uses regular route school bus with driver and monitor 	<b>SSD</b> Student uses special needs bus with disabled peers and driver alone 	<b>SSDT</b> Student uses special needs bus with disabled peers and driver team 	<b>SSDTL</b> Student uses special needs lift bus with driver team 	<b>SSDTNL</b> Student uses special needs bus with driver team and nurse with special training with limited ride time with added equipment with intervention 	<b>SSDTA</b> Student uses special needs bus with driver team and travels alone without peers 	<b>SSDTP</b> Student uses special needs bus with driver team and 1-on-1 paratransit attendant 	<b>TDOL</b> Student uses accessible public transit one way 	<b>TRDOL</b> Student uses both accessible public transit school bus and public transit 	<b>TTDOL</b> Student uses accessible public transit both ways 	<b>PPDOL</b> Student uses paratransit with driver alone 	<b>PPDTL</b> Student uses paratransit with driver and attendant 	<b>TAXI</b> Student Rides in accessible Taxi with a driver alone 	<b>ORTB</b> Student uses accessible bus for over the road bus service for out of town travel, field trips or extra-curricular activity 		
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	Assigned Bus Stop	Assigned Bus Stop	Assigned Bus Stop	GATE-to-GATE PICK-UP & DROP OFF			CURB-to-CURB PICK-UP & DROP OFF			DOOR-to-DOOR PICK-UP & DROP OFF			TRANSIT BUS STOP PICKUP and/or DROP OFF		HOME PICK-UP & DROP OFF		CURB-to-CURB PICK-UP & DROP OFF	CURB-to-CURB PICK-UP & DROP OFF

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