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Statement	STSTB recognizes that, in certain circumstances, students who are otherwise eligible for transportation may sustain injuries that temporarily prevent them from safely riding a school bus. The following outlines the general protocol for requesting alternative transportation services (e.g., taxis) in situations of this nature.
Practice	STSTB does not provide alternative transportation services (e.g., taxi) for students who are unable to use regular school bus service due to an injury requiring a temporary orthopedic device such as a cast. Students who use a temporary orthopedic device and were already assigned to transportation prior to their injury may continue to ride the school bus only if they are able to board and disembark independently and safely. Students who are not otherwise eligible for transportation, but who can independently and safely board and disembark a school bus, may be permitted to ride temporarily as a Courtesy Rider, subject to available seating capacity. In exceptional circumstances, where parents/guardians face mitigating factors that prevent them from transporting their child to and from school, an application may be submitted to a senior Board Official for consideration. STSTB will follow the school board's direction regarding the approval of taxi services or other alternative transportation arrangements for students experiencing orthopedic-related limitations.

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