

U.S. DOT REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING ADA:

Summary: The Department of Transportation is revising its rules under the Americans with Disabilities Act {ADA} and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, specifically to provide that transportation entities are required to make reasonable modifications/accommodations to policies, practices, and procedures to avoid discrimination and ensure that their programs are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Please note: Reasonable accommodation/Reasonable modification have different interpretations under Title I and Title II.

49 CFR §27. 7 Discrimination prohibited

...For the purposes of this section, the term reasonable accommodation shall be interpreted in a....manner consistent with the term "reasonable modifications" as set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act Title II regulations at 28 CFR 35.130{b)(7), and not as it is defined or interpreted for the purposes of employment discrimination under Title I of the ADA (42 U.S.C 12111-12112) and its implementing regulations at 29 CFR Part 1630.

Details of the regulations can be found at: Electronic Code of Federal Regulations http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title49/49cfrv2_02.tpl OR by requesting a copy from Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley by calling John Pham at 714-374-2600.

PURPOSE:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's Twilight Education Project is committed to providing safe, reliable, courteous, accessible, user-friendly services to its participants. To ensure equality and fairness, Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley is committed to making reasonable modifications to its policies, practices, and procedures to avoid discrimination and ensure that our Twilight Education Project is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you require a reasonable modification in order to participate in the Twilight Education Project, please refer to the procedure outlined below.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Reasonable modification applies to Twilight Education Project transportation.

Requesting a Modification

The document below entitled "Will My Request Be Granted?" contains examples of request that may be made and will be granted as well as requests that will NOT be granted.

If the modification you are seeking is found on the list under the "YES" column, our front line staff is authorized to grant the request.

If the request for modification is not listed in this document, you can submit your request by phone, by writing mail, or by email. The request will be forwarded to the ADA Compliance Officer for evaluation. You will receive a decision and written response within five (5) business days.

Phone: Alejandra Morales at 714-899-5900, ext. 1

Email: amorales@bgchv.com

Mail: Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley

Attn: Twilight Education Project 16582 Brookhurst Street Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Complaint Process regarding a request that has not been granted

Complaints can be submitted to Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley by phone, email or mail. Refer to the contact information above.

Reasons a Request for Modification May Be Denied [DOT cfr 47 37.169(c)]

- A request may be denied if granting the request would fundamentally alter the nature of the services, programs, or activities offered by Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's Twilight Education Project.
- A request may be denied if granting the request would create a direct threat to the health of safety of others (including operators and other passengers).
- A request may be denied if, without the requested modification, the individual with a disability
 is still able to fully use Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's Twilight Education Project for its
 intended purposes.

Will My Request Be Granted?

Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley has attempted to list standard requests for modification to policies/procedures/practices that will or will not be granted. Other requests will be evaluated as received (see procedures above).

Getting On and Off the Vehicle & To the Door: Fixed Route	
YES	NO
YES – A passenger may request to board	NO – Under normal conditions, a request will not
separately from his or her wheelchair when the	be granted for the operator to take control of a
occupied weight of the device exceeds the design	motorized wheelchair or scooter (someone must
load of the vehicle lift	travel with individual to take responsibility for
The operator will take control of a	mobility device).
manual wheelchair and ensure it is	Exceptions:
appropriately loaded and secured	 A "courtesy" assist due to a dead battery;
, , ,	it is expected that the issue will be
	resolved before the individual travels
	again.
	An emergency situation on board the
	vehicle.
	NO – A request will not be granted for the
	operator to assist with luggage or packages.
	NO – A request will not be granted for the
	operator to lift an individual out of his or her
	mobility device in order to transfer them to a
	seat (except in case of an emergency on board
	the vehicle).
Positioning the Vehicle – Fixed Route	
YES – A request may be made from a rider to	
position the bus within a reasonable distance at a	
safe location to avoid obstructions to the	
passenger's ability to enter or leave the vehicle at	
a designated stop location, such as parked cars,	
snow banks, and construction.	
Food and Medicine – Fixed Route	
YES – A passenger may request to eat or drink on	
board a vehicle in order to avoid adverse health	
consequences (examples: diabetes, medical	
treatment just received such as dialysis). The	
program participant will be required to ensure	
that any liquid is contained as best as possible to	
avoid spillage and to remove all trash from the	
bus.	

Special Requests – Fixed Route	
NO – A request will not be granted for service	
outside the service area or operating hours	
NO – A request will not be granted for Boys &	
Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley to provide a	
personal care attendant	
NO – A request will not be granted for an	
operator to care for a service animal.	
NO – A request will not be granted for a specific	
operator to transport you.	
NO – A request will not be granted for special	
equipment, a dedicated vehicle, or a specific type	
of vehicle	
NO – A request will not be granted for an	
operator to make an intermediate stop that	
would disrupt schedules and inconvenience other	
passengers; any unscheduled trip request.	