

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Schedules, Routes and Stops

A. Generally

The school board desires to render the most adequate system of school bus transportation to the citizens of the division that the financial means at their disposal will allow. The board believes that policies for establishing school bus routes should be adopted so that all students and patrons residing within the school division will receive uniform consideration in establishing and extending school bus routes.

B. Establishing and Extending School Bus Routes

1. School bus routes will be established over the more populated highways in such a manner that the students may be transported to and from school over the shortest feasible routes. No route will be established on any road not maintained by the State Highway Department.
2. In so far as availability of equipment will permit, a strong effort will be made to schedule only one trip per bus; and, in cases where two trips are necessary, the second trip in the morning will be the shorter and the first trip in the afternoon will be the shorter. In cases when two trips are of nearly the same distance, if practical, the trips shall be rotated in order to give all students the same time advantage.
3. In cases where an established route is farther than one mile from the drive leading to the student's home or from the point where the student would normally board the bus, then the bus shall be routed down the highway to that drive or to a suitable turn-around place near the drive.
4. The turn-arounds in paragraph (3) will be made only if road, load, and time conditions permit safe travel.
5. Requests for services in addition to that outlined above shall be given special, individual consideration by the school board in cases of physical incapacity of a student as established by a certificate from a registered (Practicing) physician, safety factors which would endanger students, or for other special reasons that the board deems pertinent to the operation of an efficient transportation system.
6. a student's basic entitlement is to one assigned bus seat. Special board approval would be required to allow a student a seat on two buses unless the transportation director does so for a safety reason such as to avoid having a student cross a highway.

C. Bus Stops

Bus stops shall be located in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Bus stops shall be designated to pick up groups of students whenever possible.
2. Bus stops will be located at points of maximum safety.
3. Traffic and traffic patterns shall be considerations in the designation of a bus stop.
4. Students in grades K-5 shall not be expected to walk more than one mile to school or to a bus stop. Students in grades 6-12 shall not be expected to walk more than one and one-half miles to school or to a bus stop. The school board may permit the transportation of students nearer to school than the prescribed limits under following conditions.
 - a. They live along a regularly established bus route.
 - b. The bus is not loaded to capacity when it reaches these students.
 - c. Those living the farthest distance, under the limit, will be given preference.
 - d. The transportation of such students shall not in any way interfere with the regularly scheduled run of buses.
 - e. Students who must walk along extremely hazardous roads may be transported regardless of the distance from home to school.

Editor's Note

*See Alleghany County School Division
Handbook for School Bus Drivers*

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