

Regular Routes and Services

The safety of students is a basic element of this policy.

Consistent with the foregoing, all students shall walk to school with the following exceptions:

1. All kindergarten pupils living at a walking distance more than 1/4 mile.
2. Students in grade levels 1-12 living at a walking distance more than 1 (one) mile from school.

Students excepted from walking shall walk to the nearest bus stop up to the following maximum distances:

1. Kindergarten - no requirement.
2. Grade levels 1-12 - 1 mile.

Bus stops may be located at more frequent intervals to reduce student congestion at the stops or for other reasons of safety as determined by the board.

The walking distances specified in above may not apply along state highways or town roads known to carry a substantial volume of through traffic or having legal speed limits in excess of 30 mph, unless such highway or road is provided with sidewalks. No student shall be required to cross such highway or road unless adequate supervision of the crossing is provided. Adequate supervision implies police control, duly authorized crossing guards, or a stopped school bus, with flashing lights.

The school board or its designated representative shall give due consideration to requests for extension of transportation service subject to the above.

School transportation services are provided exclusively for the benefit and safety of the student population, and are to be used only in support of programs authorized by and under the auspices of the school board.

The nature of the equipment provided for transportation and the scheduling of its use (including the possibility of transfer of students through collection points) shall be determined solely by the school board or its duly authorized representative.

This applies to all schools, for which transportation, services are provided by the school district.

Children may ride buses other than their own only at the convenience of the school district in accordance with bus safety regulations. A written request must be submitted by the parent to

the principal of the school for his/her official approval each time a child is to take a bus other than his/her regular one.

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