

Bus Scheduling and Routing

Service, safety and efficient operation shall be the goals in the planning of school bus schedules, routes and stops.

Bus routes, schedules and stops will be developed by the bus route coordinator under the direction of the business manager. The purpose of bus scheduling and routing will be to achieve maximum service with a minimum amount of buses, consistent with rendering equal service to all qualified students. The criteria for qualification include distance from school, unsafe walking environment, special education placement and special medical request.

As nearly as is practicable, routes will be designed to employ the full carrying capacity for each bus route segment. No bus will be operated with an overload. Bus route revisions and additions will be made when full carrying capacity for each route segment on existing routes has been reached or is imminent.

Bus stops shall be designed to comply with state law regarding students embarking and disembarking on major thoroughfares. The number of stops on each route segment will be limited, consistent with the policy stated as to service, so as to enable buses to make the run in a reasonable time.

Students in kindergarten through grade three may be required to walk one mile to a bus stop. Students in grades four through twelve may be required to walk one and one-half miles to a bus stop. All members of a single family may qualify for the lesser distance. These distances shall apply to the distance students may be required to walk to school.

Special medical requests for school bus transportation

On occasion, students may need transportation due to certain permanent or temporary medical conditions. The superintendent will establish procedures to govern application for and approval of these services.

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