

Transportation

Route Guidelines

Routes should be established so as to:

- A. Avoid, whenever possible, left-hand turns when entering or exiting high-speed roadways.
- B. Avoid students crossing a four-lane road.
- C. Minimize stopping on multi-lane roads, unless the bus can get completely off the road.
- D. Avoid, if possible, crossing railroad tracks.
- E. Provide transportation to students who live within the distance specified for state funding from school or who would have to walk on a roadway declared unsafe by the board.
- F. Deliver students to their school no more than thirty (30) minutes before school starts. NOTE: It is desired that students arrive at school within five (5) to ten (10) minutes of starting time.
- G. Pick up students at school within five (5) minutes of dismissal, unless a delay is caused by a double run, or another guideline. In that case, students should be picked up within no more than thirty (30) minutes.
- H. Allow for a minimum "dead head" time between and to runs.
- I. Avoid travel on dead end roads, unless it is necessary within these guidelines and there is an ample, safe area in which a bus can turn around, without backing.
- J. Fill each bus to rated capacity, provided that it is economically feasible and within the other routing guidelines.
- K. Have minimum overlap or duplication in bus routes serving the same school.
- L. Avoid travel on private roads, drives or property and on unimproved roads (not surfaced to county/city standards) or roads which are in such bad condition as to cause damage to a bus.

Bus Stop Guidelines

Bus stops shall be established which:

- A. Are frequent enough so students do not have to walk more than one (1) mile to and from the bus.
- B. Are located where students can stand safely.
- C. Allow, where possible, the bus to get completely off of the road.
- D. Provide at least 500 feet on 35-mile-per-hour roadways, and 800 feet on 50-mile-per-hour roadways of unobstructed visibility, both ways.
- E. Require as few students as possible to cross roadways with no students crossing multiple lane roads and highways.
- F. Are located where no damage is likely to occur to private property and where the number of students waiting does not create unsafe conditions and/or situations.

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