

Three Rivers School District

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Transportation Stops

Because the great majority of the district's home-to-school bus routes consist primarily, if not entirely, of rural routes, the district requires that its buses stop to pick up students on its regular routes (all routes other than those for special education) in accordance with the following:

1. — Prior to the start of every school year, the district's transportation coordinator and the branch manager of the contractor providing transportation services will review and agree to the routes to be driven for that year.
2. — In the absence of other factors, buses will stop no more frequently than every one quarter of a mile and less frequently if safe to do so.
3. — After the first four weeks of school, the district's transportation coordinator and the contractor's branch manager will review the routes; input, if any, from the public; and comments from drivers. If any adjustments need to be made, they will be made at that time.
4. — For the balance of the year, changes will be made only to address safety issues stemming from road closures, overcrowding, or student address changes. Any added or changed stops must be approved by the district's transportation coordinator. Those changes will only be made to negate specific safety hazards.
5. — For the purposes of this Administrative Regulation, "safety issues" include, but are not limited to:
 - a. — Any issues arising from the transportation of kindergarten students
 - b. — Roads with greater than 40 MPH speed limit having no shoulder.
 - c. — Roads with a speed limit of greater than 45 miles per hours having a shoulder or path of less than four feet width.
 - d. — Any stop with less than 5 seconds sight distance under normal daylight conditions.

School Bus Scheduling and Routing

Actual bus stops and routes will be determined by the transportation supervisor and will be based upon efficiency, safety, Board policy and applicable state and federal laws and rules.

The determination of safe roads for school bus travel will be made by the transportation supervisor.

The superintendent or designee will:

1. Annually review and assess school bus routes, stops and loading zones for safety, changing student population and supervision of students;
2. Advise parents of any changes in transportation policy affecting their students as early as possible and be responsive to parents' calls for assistance in seeking alternatives to busing; and
3. Work with cities, the county and other appropriate governmental agencies on a continuing basis regarding transportation issues.

School bus routes will be planned and organized to ensure student safety and receive the maximum bus use efficiency.

1. Student safety will be the major part of any route decisions.
2. Bus routing will be the responsibility of the transportation supervisor, or delegated representative, with the administrator's assistance.
3. Anyone requesting a route change will be referred to the transportation supervisor or delegated representative.
4. Route conditions will be reviewed routinely.
5. Routes will be planned to ensure the least possible amount of time elapsing from first pick-up to school, commensurate with economical efficiency.
6. Bus routes will traverse city, county, state or federal roads using district discretion.
7. Students living within one mile of school may be transported for health, safety and disability reasons when an approved supplemental plan is on file.
8. Secondary students eligible for bus transportation may be expected to walk up to one and one-half miles to a bus stop. Elementary students may be expected to walk up to one mile to a bus stop.
9. Where feasible, bus stops will be designated and students will be expected to gather at the assigned stop.
10. A fully supported seat shall be provided each student. Students must not stand.
11. Students may be transferred directly from one bus to another while being transported to and from school.
12. Transportation of students for nonschool group activities during regular school to home routes shall, in order to ensure adequate space, require written request from the parent and prior approval from the transportation supervisor.