

TRANSPORTATION POLICY GUIDELINES

A. WALKING DISTANCES

- Walking distances to schools and/or bus stops will be enforced for all students as follows:
 1. Grades K-5 — Walking distance will be defined as one-half (1/2) mile,
 2. Grades 6-8 — Walking distance will be defined as one (1) mile,
 3. Grades 9-12 — Walking distance will be defined as one and one-half (1 1/2) miles
- Children will not be required to cross heavily traveled streets, as defined by law.

B. PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

- To the maximum extent feasible, pupil transportation is to be based on the neighborhood school concept and governed by well-defined pupil transportation “zones” for each school. These “zones” may be adjusted as needed in order to ensure efficient distribution of the pupil population for educational and transportation purposes.
- Bussing outside the student’s transportation “zone” will be limited to student education needs and based on factors such as but not limited to the following:
 1. ESL self-contained classes
 2. Self-contained special education classes
 3. Handicapping conditions
 4. Resource requirements for special education
 5. Medical necessities
 6. Special school programs
 7. Self-contained collaborative classrooms
- Final notification from parental initiated requests for a child to attend a school outside the established transportation “zone” may be granted with the following requirements:
 1. Classroom space is available at the received school based on enrollment data the week prior to the start of school,
 2. Transportation must be provided by the parent.
 3. The parent agrees that the child may be reassigned to a school in the child’s attendance zone in the following school year should space requirements so dictate.
- The transportation provider will determine the location and number of bus stops so as to maximize the efficiency of the available fleet.

C. TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO CAREGIVER

- Transportation from and to a caregiver (sitter/childcare center) will be provided as follows:
 1. The student must be eligible for transportation as defined in (B) above,
 2. The caregiver must be located within the student's transportation "zone,"
 3. The caregiver has the responsibility of providing assistance, as deemed necessary, between the bus stop and the address of the caregiver, if they are not one and the same,
 4. Proper notification must be made to the School District and the transportation provider of the address of the caregiver, if it is different than the home address of the student on file with the School District.

- Permission for a student defined as a "walker" to ride a bus to and from a caregiver will be granted as long as a seat is available on the bus. The caregiver, however, MUST BE located within the student's school "zone."

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