

TRANSPORTATION

The district may provide transportation to and from school for a student:

- A. Whose residence is beyond the one-mile radius from the school to which the student is assigned;
- B. Whose walking route to school is hazardous;
- C. Whose disability prevents him/her from walking or providing for his/her own welfare while walking; or

Who has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services. Each year there is sufficient change in enrollment or the community, the superintendent may present to the board the number of students who live within the minimum distance of their schools and for whom there appears sufficient justification for the district to provide transportation. In this report, the superintendent will also provide the reasons why each of these students is transported.

The district's transportation program will comply in all ways with state law and regulation. Transportation services of the district may include approved bus routes, district-approved field trips, school activities (participants only) and extracurricular activities (rooters). The superintendent is authorized to permit a parent of an enrolled student, temporarily to support the enrolled student, to ride a bus when excess seating is available and private or other public transportation is not reasonably available. The parent shall be screened in the same manner as is required of a school volunteer.

Routes and Schedules

The superintendent or designee will be responsible for scheduling bus transportation, including the determination of routes and bus stops as well as overseeing the transportation program.

The purpose of bus scheduling and routing is to achieve maximum service with a minimum fleet of buses insofar as this is consistent with rendering safe and reasonably equal service to all students entitled to such service. The board may authorize the use of a district-owned passenger vehicle in lieu of a bus for transporting students to and from school.

In order to operate the transportation system as safely and efficiently as possible, the following factors will be considered in establishing bus routes:

- A. Where an alternate route may be considered without sacrifice of efficiency or economy, preference will be given to that route more directly serving the largest number of students;
- B. Location of bus stops may be determined by such factors as student safety, economy and efficiency. Students may be required to walk up to one mile from their home to their

bus stop provided that the walking route is safe; and

- C. School schedules will be adjusted to allow maximum utilization of each bus in the system by alternating elementary and secondary trips.

The district will apply for state transportation apportionment funds and will maintain the records required to obtain such funding.

Emergency Routes and Schedules

The district may develop emergency bus routes and schedules to be used when weather conditions make the usual routes impassable or, in the superintendent's judgment, too hazardous.

If roads are closed to buses but not to private vehicles, the district may continue to operate the instructional programs of the schools without providing bus transportation until the roads are again open to buses.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.160.020 Authorization for private school students to ride buses — Conditions
	RCW 28A.160.030 Authorizing individual transportation or other arrangements
	Chapter 392-141 WAC Transportation — State allocation for operations
	Chapter 392-172A-02095 WAC Transportation (Special Education)

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