**Walkers and Riders**

“Walking distance” means the linear measure of a prescribed or authorized pedestrian route between the pupil’s residence and his school from a point at the curb or edge of a public road or highway nearest the pupil’s residence to a point at the entrance of the school, or the bus pick-up area, or a safe entrance to the school grounds located within one hundred feet of the school building entrance; or the route from the point on the public thoroughfare nearest the residence to the school bus, or vehicle embarkation point established by the board of education.

Guidelines:

(1) Pupils below the age of ten, or enrolled in grades Pre-K through 3, up to one mile;

(2) Pupils age ten to fourteen, or enrolled in the equivalent of grades 4 through 8, or middle or junior high school, up to one and one-half miles;

(3) Pupils age fourteen and over, or enrolled in grades 9 through 12, up to two miles, from home to school or to a prescribed point of embarkation.

“One mile walking distance” means a reasonable measurement of a route to be traversed extending from the point of measurement at least 5,280 feet, but not more than 5,380 feet.

“Grades Pre-K and K” means pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, or a school program appropriate to a beginning pupil under age six.

“Undue or extreme hazard” - An unsafe thing or condition presenting difficulties or problems, the solution of which is beyond the ordinary capability of a pupil of a given age or attainment. The lack of sidewalks in an area does not, of itself, constitute extreme or undue hazard.

The following factors may be considered in determining whether a particular thing or condition constitutes an undue or extreme hazard:

(1) The width of the road, amount and type of traffic on a road, and the speed limit on a road;

(2) Whether visibility along side lines would permit adequate braking distance for a vehicle traveling five (5) miles per hour in excess of the posted speed limits;

(3) The existence of particular or unusual conditions along the side of a road;

(4) The presence of commercial or business establishments and the amount and type of traffic generated by such establishment during the time students would be walking in the area to and from school.

All requests for changes and/or additions to transportation schedule are to be submitted to the Superintendent’s office for review. Parents will be notified within ten (10) days of the decision of the Superintendent of Schools.

Parents and/or guardians may appeal administrative decisions regarding hazardous conditions or other transportation request by petitioning the Woodstock Board of Education on the prescribed form available in the Superintendent’s office (Form T-1).

In cases of appeals, the Superintendent of Schools shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board of Education that no pupil has been denied transportation when such Board has been aware of the existence of a hazard of such severity as to be judged dangerous.

All procedures shall be pursuant to P.A. 75-639 of the Connecticut State Statutes.

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