

SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

The transportation supervisor will conduct studies of bus routes to provide the safest, shortest routes that will get children to school in the most economical way. This may include setting up pick-up points as opposed to picking up students along the route. Routes will be arranged in such a way as to equalize as nearly as possible the length of routes and bus loads, and to provide for the full use of buses.

When practical, safe, time-saving, and economical, transfers may be made from one bus to another. Bus routes will not overlap unless absolutely necessary. When more than one bus travels on an arterial highway, each bus will be assigned a certain portion of the route and all children within this section will ride the bus to which they are assigned. Only one bus will cover one particular road unless overloading occurs.

No official bus route will be extended or changed without Board approval, except in the case of an emergency. Before recommendation to the Board, the proposed extension or change will be reported by the transportation supervisor, which will verify that the extension or change has been checked to determine whether it meets all regulations pertaining to safety, efficiency, and economy.

Buses will not go off the main route to pick up or drop off children. Children will not be put off the bus until reaching their destination.

Routes and schedules shall be planned to require a minimum amount of riding time for all students. Every effort shall be made to run each bus route on schedule. A bus route should never run earlier than the scheduled time. All schedules will be planned by the transportation supervisor.

Legal Reference: SDCL 13-29-1; 13-29-2

Cross References:

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