



POLICY 810 -- GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

1. Eligibility for Transportation

- A. Students will be transported according to the state guidelines for reimbursable transportation. Students who reside equal to or greater from school than these distances will be transported.
- Elementary 1.5 miles
Secondary 2.0 miles (middle school and high school)
- B. Exceptions may be made for students walking in areas defined as hazardous by the Department of Transportation or where, in the judgment of the school district, student safety may otherwise be compromised.

2. Walking Distances

- A. Students generally will not be required to walk to their bus stop further than approximately .6 miles for elementary and approximately .8 miles for secondary. However, they may be required to walk up to 1.5 miles in accordance with State law.
- B. Exceptions may be made for students living in areas defined as hazardous by the Department of Transportation.

3. Stop Locations

- A. Stops will generally be located no closer than .3 miles except on hazardous routes as defined by the Department of Transportation.
- B. Stops will generally be located at intersections and not at a student's home. Exceptions may be made for special education students or for students living on hazardous roads.
- C. Efforts shall be made to minimize travel on poorly maintained roads, to eliminate backing a bus in the area of a stop, and, where feasible, to reduce the number of stops.

4. Time of Riding

- A. Time of riding is the time from which the first student boards the bus until that student is discharged. Ride time is one way to school.
- B. Ride times should generally not exceed one (1) hour; however, they may be required to ride up to one and one-half (1-1/2) hours in accordance with State law.

- C. Ride times may be exceeded for nonpublic students attending schools outside of the District.

5. Load Capacities

The District may schedule students on buses so that vehicles are utilized to maximum load capacities.

6. Transportation to Day Care/Child Care

- A. Students may be dropped off or picked up at licensed day care facilities providing that:
- parent submits a written request;
 - location is on an appropriate run with an existing bus stop;
 - there is available seating on the vehicle; and
 - request is for a long-term arrangement.
- B. When circumstances change that would cause any of the above to no longer be true, this service may be terminated.

7. Transfers

In the interest of efficiency and economy, transfer schedules may be established for both public and nonpublic school students when deemed necessary by the Administration.