

Bus Scheduling and Routing

1. No lanes or dead ends will be serviced. Buses will be restricted to publicly-maintained roads.
2. Bus stops will be chosen from a standpoint of safety and convenience.
3. No bus stops will be located on steep grades, blind curves or near the crest of a hill.
4. Bus stops will be planned so that a student does not have to cross a major thoroughfare immediately after getting off the bus. Bus stops will not be set up along major thoroughfares whenever access is possible by the use of an adjacent street or road. A "major thoroughfare," as defined in state law, is a freeway, a U.S. highway outside incorporated limits, an interstate highway, a highway with four or more lanes, or a road with a median separating multiple lanes of traffic. Two-lane highways will be exempt from this requirement if the Board in consultation with local traffic officials determines they can be crossed safely.
5. All bus routes will be established in view of the overall need of the communities serviced. Buses will be routed to serve the largest concentration of school population.
6. Drivers are to make no changes whatsoever in routes or receiving and discharging points except in cases where road conditions require an immediate decision and such changes are absolutely required. When such conditions prevail, safety of the students is to be the governing factor. Drivers are to report such conditions to the transportation supervisor as soon as possible.
7. Bus schedules will be planned so that students arrive at school at least five minutes before school opens.
8. Buses will follow as rigid a schedule as possible, However, the time of scheduled stops will vary several minutes one way or the other due to traffic conditions, mechanical failures, weather conditions, etc. A bus will not leave a stop ahead of schedule.
9. In the event of hazardous road conditions, buses will attempt to follow a standard schedule. In all cases, buses will make all stops although they may run late due to conditions.
10. Strict adherence to the schedule is essential for driver, parents and students.
11. Students always are to be received and discharged at the same point and are to ride their assigned bus except when written permission for change is requested by parents and approved by the principal who has the student in his attendance center.

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