

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Student Walking Distances

Students will be provided transportation over routes established annually by the school district and as approved for reimbursement purposes by the office of the superintendent of Public Instruction. Walking distances will be established according to school levels. Mileage will be measured along the shortest roadway or maintained public walkway where hazards do not exist. All students with special needs who are unable to walk or would not be able to provide for their own welfare while walking to school shall be provided transportation services regardless of the distance from their homes to their schools.

If the District determines that hazardous conditions exist, transportation may be provided to those students within one mile radius of school. This condition shall be reported to the superintendent of public instruction. Hazardous conditions may include the following:

1. There is inadequate area for walking along roadways.
2. There is inadequate traffic control for crossing roadways.
3. The traffic controls are too complex for the age of the children.
4. The traffic conditions are too dangerous for the age of the children. Examples include a high volume of traffic with minimal or nonexistent protection for pedestrians; and vehicle traffic moves at a high rate of speed.

Legal Reference:

[WAC 392-141-340](#) Definition of Walk Area
[RCW 28A.160.160 \(5\)](#) Student Transportation Allocation

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