

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

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State law does allow districts to provide safety busing for students who live less than one and one-half miles from school when the age, health, or safety of the student warrants such action. State law provides specific guidance for School Board of Trustees regarding when a board can consider instituting safety busing.

The Board of Trustees adopts the State Department of Education's "Rating Sheet for Walking Students". The Post Falls School District #273 break-off point is established at 50% of the total available points.

The Board of Trustees will only consider requests for safety busing for students living less than one and one-half miles from school when one or more of the following criteria are met:

1. Unsupervised crossing of a heavily traveled multi-lane roadway requiring beyond-age-level comprehension of complex traffic hazards;
2. Walking along an arterial road and highway permitting fifty-mile-per-hour speeds;
3. Crossing an intersection in competition with a high volume of right turning vehicles without the benefit of adult supervised crossing;
4. Walking in the traffic lane of an arterial or collector street because of the absence of sidewalks or usable shoulders which are at least three (3) feet wide;
5. Walking beside or over unprotected waterways;
6. Walking routes which are temporarily interrupted by major road construction, building construction, or utility construction;
7. Walking routes interrupted by numerous high traffic volume business driveways;
8. Other unique circumstances or extraordinary factors.

The existence of any of the above criteria does not automatically qualify an area for safety busing. The Board of Trustees may also consider evaluation factors including but not limited to: traffic count, traffic gap times, posted speed, width of roadway, width of walking area, length of time student would be exposed to area of concern, age of pupils, number of pupils, and traffic control signs and markings, as well as written comments from parents, patrons, and school personnel prior to a vote on the issue.

Each year, no later than the regular board meeting in August, the Board of Trustees shall review and vote on all requests for new safety busing locations. The Superintendent or their designee is directed to review all existing safety busing locations at intervals of at least every three years.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1501

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