

Seymour Board of Education

2022-2023 Transportation Policy and Guidelines

1. **Walking Distance to Assigned Bus Stop**

Per Board of Education Policy, if a student is enrolled in grades K-3 the walking distance to their bus stop can be up to one (1) mile. Students enrolled in grades 4-8 have a walking distance of one and one half (1.5) miles. Students enrolled in grades 9-12 have a walking distance of two (2) miles. Most of the students in Seymour are no farther than a half mile from their assigned bus stop and well within the policy listed above.

2. **Transportation Pick up and Drop off Guidelines**

Transportation will only be provided to one pick up location and one drop off location. The locations must remain the same all five days of the school week and on a weekly consistent basis for the school year. For example, AM pick up at student's home all five days, PM drop off at daycare all five days. This policy includes early dismissal days; no exceptions will be made for early dismissal days. We understand that changes can occur within the school year. Please contact your child's school with daycare changes that take place after the beginning of the school year.

3. **"No Change" Procedure- Late Registration and Day Care Form Request**

All Before and After School Day Care Request forms must be received by August 17, 2022 to be in effect for the first day of school. This means that we cannot accommodate immediate bus transportation for your student if late registration has occurred after August 17, 2022. The Parent/Guardian will be fully responsible for transportation to and from school for their child(ren) until bus transportation can be arranged and approved by the Seymour Board of Education. This process can take up to 48 hours.

4. **Bus Stop Location Changes**

Bus stop locations throughout Seymour are created each school year within the context of where the currently enrolled students are located. Because of this, bus routes have to be updated and changed to accommodate newly enrolled students and students advancing from elementary school to middle school and from middle school to high school. Due to these changes, bus stops may have to be changed or deleted each year and bus routes restructured so that we can meet time constraints and get each student to school safely and on time. **Please be aware that your current school year bus stop may have changed from the last school year stop location.** We do our best to strive for continuity, but do reserve the right to change stops and routes as needed.

5. **Procedure for Family Emergency Bus Stop Changes**

Should a circumstance come up that you need to change your student's bus stop for a small temporary amount of time, you must contact your student's school main office. They will notify Central Office of your request and they will approve emergency bus stop changes on a case by case basis.

Bus Assignments

Your student must ride the bus they are assigned. For safety purposes we cannot approve the switching of buses or bus stops for a play date, after school party, or because your student wants to go to a friend's after school. Please see item #2 above if you have any questions.

6. **Kindergarten Students**

Kindergarten students ride the same buses as the students in grades 1-5. Kindergarten students ride in the front seats of the bus. **Kindergarten students must have a parent or responsible adult at the bus stop to put them on and take them off the bus. If there is no parent or responsible adult present at the stop for the afternoon drop off, the bus driver will be required to return to the school with your child and you will be contacted by the school office to pick them up.** If you want an older sibling (who is also riding the bus) to walk the student home in the afternoon, then we will need your permission in writing.