

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Schedules, Routes and Stops/Traffic Control Plan

A. Generally

The School Board desires to render the most adequate system of school bus transportation to the citizens of the School Division that the financial means at their disposal will allow. The School Board believes that policies for establishing school bus routes should be adopted so that all students and patrons will receive uniform consideration in establishing and extending school bus routes.

B. Establishing School Bus Routes

1. School bus routes will be established over the more populated streets and highways in such a manner that the students may be transported to and from school over the shortest feasible routes. No route will be established on any road not maintained by the City or the State Highway Department.
2. General education bus routes will not be established within a cul-de-sac or on a dead end roadway that will require a school bus to back up.
3. Requests for services in addition to that outlined above shall be given special, individual consideration by the Superintendent or designee School Board in cases of physical incapacity of a student as established by a certificate from a registered (practicing) physician, safety factors which would endanger students, or for other special reasons that the Superintendent or designees board deems pertinent to the operation of an efficient transportation system.

C. Bus Stops

Bus stops shall be located in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Bus stops shall be designated to pick up groups of students whenever possible.
2. Bus stops will be located at points of maximum safety.
3. Traffic and traffic patterns shall be considerations in the destination of a bus stop.
4. Pupil bus stops are designed to be within three-tenths of a mile for elementary students and five-tenths of a mile for secondary students from the place of residence where time restraints, road conditions and vehicle access allow.

5. No pupil bus stops will be established in a non-transportation zone.

D. Traffic Control Plan

See School Board Regulation 3-78.1 for traffic control plan information.

Editor's Note

~~See School Board Policy 3-77 and School Board Regulation 3-77.1 Transportation and Non-Transportation Zones.~~

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 46.2-918, as amended. School buses to be routed so as to avoid necessity of pupils² crossing divided highways.

Virginia Board of Education Regulations Governing Pupil Transportation, 8-VAC-20-70-160, as amended. Review of routes.

Virginia Board of Education Regulations Governing Pupil Transportation, 8-VAC-20-70-80, as amended. Loading or discharging pupils.

Related Links

School Board **Policy 3-77**

School Board **Regulation 3-77.1**

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