

District transportation equipment shall be used only for the transportation of students to and from school and school-sponsored activities. The equipment may be used to furnish transportation to senior citizen groups when this does not conflict with school activities. Upon authorization of the Superintendent, adults may be permitted to ride school buses to school sponsored activities.

Student transportation shall be considered a privilege to be enjoyed by a student only as long as he/she accepts responsibility for his/her own conduct, carefully follows all rules and regulations, and positively responds to the directions and requests of the bus driver.

### **Bus Routes**

Careful consideration shall be given to such conditions as safety and hazards, number and ages of students, kind and condition of roads, safe and convenient busstops, economy of operation, and estimated time necessary to cover the routes. Routes are to be planned to keep individual riding distance and time to a practical minimum.

### **Distance Eligibility**

Students who live **1.5 miles or further** from the school that they attend shall be eligible to be transported to school. Under normal conditions, elementary students shall be expected to walk up to 1/2 mile and secondary students up to 1 mile to a bus stop. The Superintendent is authorized to make exceptions to these distances if safety conditions warrant.

### **Residential Areas Eligible for Pupil Transportation**

(a) The following pupils in the Anderson School attendance area shall be eligible for transportation to and from Anderson School:

- Pupils in grades kindergarten through five living in the area east of Fort Street between the northern boundary of the school district, the Detroit River, Slocum Street, the D. T. & I. Railroad and north of West Road.

(b) The following pupils in the Hedke School attendance area shall be eligible for transportation to and from Hedke School:

- Pupils in grades kindergarten through five living in the area south of the D. T. & I. Railroad (located north of Van Horn on the west side of Fort Street) to the southern school district boundary east and west of Fort Street and bordered by the Detroit River to Van Horn Road.
- Pupils in grades kindergarten through five living east of Fort Street between West Road and south along the D. T. & I. Railroad to Van Horn Road.

(d) The following middle school pupils shall be eligible for transportation to and from Arthurs Middle School:

- Pupils living east of Fort Street and 1.5 miles or further from Arthurs Middle School.

(e) The following high school pupils shall be eligible for transportation to and from the Trenton High School:

- Pupils in grades 9 through 12 living in the area east of Fort Street between the northern boundary of the school district, the Detroit River, Slocum Street, the D. T. & I. Railroad and north of West Road.
- Pupils in grades 9 through 12 living in the area south of the D. T. & I. Railroad (located north of Van Horn on the west side of Fort Street) to the southern school district boundary east and west of Fort Street and bordered by the Detroit River to Van Horn Road.

### **Privately owned Roads**

For privately owned roads that are located in pupil transportation-eligible areas of Trenton, the District reserves the right to suspend or terminate transportation service in the concern of safety, including but not limited to the following situations:

- (a) Insufficient room for bus maneuverability
- (b) Improperly maintained road surface(s)
- (c) Inadequate or inconsistent snow/ice removal
- (d) Lack of or poor road surface drainage system, etc.

### **Handicapped Students**

A person identified by an educational planning and placement (EPPC) committee to be a "handicapped person" in accordance with R340.1702, who would otherwise be unable to participate in an appropriate special education program or service operated or contracted by the Intermediate School District, shall be eligible for only that additional transportation determined by the committee to be necessary for the person to participate.

### **Riding a Different Bus**

Students who wish to ride a different bus for a specific purpose on a particular day may do so providing they present written permission from their parent(s)/guardian(s) to the Principal and receive approval. Students shall not be transported to different stops for birthday parties, social events or any program not sponsored by the District. The same policy shall apply to a non-bus student who on a specific occasion has a justifiable reason for riding a school bus to a specific destination.

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