

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: April 6, 2023
TOPIC: 4.3 – Transportation Guiding Change Document
PRESENTER: Julie Nielsen – Superintendent
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: 707 Transportation of Students

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a. South Washington County Schools provides transportation to students in grades K-12. Those students in elementary schools who live more than one mile from their boundary school receive transportation. Middle school students who live more than 1.5 miles from their boundary school receive transportation and high school students who live more than 2 miles from their boundary schools receive transportation.
- b. The result of the transportation policy is that over 110 regular education buses are utilized.
- c. Additionally, the District also provides transportation of special education students utilizing over 60 routes.
- d. A route usually consists of three runs as the district employs three tiers of busing based on school start times.
- e. Staffing shortages have caused routes to be cancelled resulting in over 250 students left without transportation.
- f. A transportation task force has been created to address long-term solutions to the shortage of bus drivers.
- g. The task force has drafted the attached guiding change document.
- h. School Board input on the guiding change document is desired.

B. RECOMMENDATION

- a. No action required, discussion of guiding change document

