

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SCHEDULES: 6602

The Superintendent/designee shall oversee the transportation program, including scheduling bus transportation, determining routes and bus stops, and establishing and enforcing proper standards of safety in the operation of school buses.

The purpose of bus scheduling and routing is to achieve maximum service with a minimum fleet of buses insofar as this is consistent with rendering safe and reasonably equal service to all students entitled to such service.

Building bell times, bus routes, and schedules shall be established which minimize the bus fleet and maximize pupil transportation service consistent with district educational goals and objectives.

Bus schedules shall be planned and recommended consistent with State law and Board policies under the direction of the Superintendent/designee.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent/designee to adjust bus routes and length of walking distances to achieve the goals of this policy, and related Transportation policies.

Bus stops shall be located at intervals in places where pupils may be safely loaded and unloaded.

Parents are responsible for the actions of their children when their children walk to and from bus stops and wait at bus stops.

Emergency Routes and Schedules

The District shall develop emergency bus routes and schedules to be used when weather conditions make the usual routes impassable or, in the Superintendent's or designee's judgment, too hazardous. At the beginning of the school year, copies of emergency routes and schedules shall be distributed to parents with instructions on how to obtain emergency information.

If roads are closed to buses but not to private vehicles, the District may continue to operate the instructional programs of the schools without providing bus transportation until the roads are again open to buses.

Cross References: Administrative Policy - 2320 Field trips
Administrative Policy - 6600 Transportation

Legal References: RCW 28A.160 Student Transportation
28A.160.010 Operation of student transportation program
Responsibility of local district–Scope

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Legal References: RCW (continued)	28A.160.020	Authorization for private school students to ride buses–Conditions
	28A.160.030	Authorizing individual transportation or other arrangements
	28A.160.040	Lease of buses to transport handicapped children and elderly–Limitation
	28A.160.070	Lease of buses to transport handicapped children and elderly–Elderly persons defined–Program limitation
	28A.160.080	School buses, rental or lease for emergency purposes–Authorization
	28A.160.100	School buses, transportation of general public to interscholastic activities
	28A.160.110	School busses–Authorization for parent, guardian or custodian of a student to ride
	28A.160.120	Agreements with other governmental entities for transportation of public or other non-common school purposes–Limitations
	28A.335.060	Surplus school property–Rental, lease or use of–Disposition of moneys received from
	28A.335.170	Contracts to provide pupil transportation services
	WAC 392-141	Transportation–Authority and State allocation for operations
	392-143	Transportation–Specifications for school buses
	392-144	School bus driver qualifications
	392-145	Transportation–Operation rules
	392-172-035	Definitions of “free appropriate, public education,” “adult student,” “special education student,” “parent,” and “public agency”
	392-172A-02095	Rules for the provision of special education–Transportation