

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SCHEDULES: 6602P

As stated in Policy, the Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for the oversight of 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. Routes and schedules will be established for the ensuing year and published. Bus schedules will also be available at each school building.

To operate the transportation system as safely and efficiently as possible, the following factors shall be considered in establishing bus routes:

1. Location of bus stops are determined by such factors as student safety, economy and efficiency. Students may be required to walk up to 1 mile from where their driveway or private road enters a publicly maintained road to their bus stop, provided that the walking route is safe.
2. School schedules shall be adjusted to allow maximum utilization of each bus in the system by alternating elementary and secondary routes.
3. To maximize fleet efficiency and to meet program needs, multi-aged runs shall be used when feasible.

Routes, stops and loads shall be monitored continually by the Director of Transportation/designee to ensure proper, safe, economical and efficient service.

The District shall apply for state transportation apportionment funds and shall maintain the records required to obtain such funding.

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.