TRANSPORTATION STUDENTS

1. Bus routes shall be established under the direction of the superintendent or his designee and subject to Board review over the most direct route practicable for bus travel to serve those entitled to transportation service. Where an alternate route may be selected without sacrifice of efficiency or economy, preference will be given to that route serving the larger number of patrons more directly. Routes will be designated to employ as nearly as practicable the full carrying capacity of each bus trip. New routes will be established only when full capacity of the trips on existing routes has been reached or is imminent.
2. Insofar as educational requirements permit, school schedules shall be adjusted to allow maximum utilization of each bus in the system by alternating elementary and secondary school trips with the same fleet of buses.
3. Bus schedules shall be established under the direction of the superintendent or designee in cooperation with the transportation supervisor and subject to Board review. The purpose of bus scheduling shall be to achieve maximum service with a minimum fleet of buses consistent with rendering reasonably equal services to all patrons. The measure of service shall be the total time between leaving a bus stop in the morning and returning thereto in the afternoon on a regular bus trip.
4. Bus stops shall be established under the direction of the superintendent or designee in cooperation with the transportation supervisor. A bus stop so established will be designated as authorized. The superintendent may not permit drivers to load or unload students at other than authorized bus stops.

   Authorized bus stops shall be located at convenient intervals in places where pupils may be loaded and unloaded, cross highways and await arrivals of buses with the utmost safety permitted by highway conditions and under guidelines set forth by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Request for School Bus Route Change

1. Parents or community members may make requests to the District to change bus service.
2. All requests will be submitted in writing to the Transportation Supervisor using the "Request for Change in Bus Service" form from the Transportation Office or on the District Web site.
3. A committee of at least three (3) parents or community members will be selected as the Transportation Committee to consider the unresolved requests for change in bus service.
4. A date will be set and all requestors will be notified that the committee will be meeting to review the request.
6. A copy of each request will be sent to the committee members prior to the hearing.

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Riding Limits

The following regulations apply to the establishment of minimum and maximum riding limits for the Sumner Public School students.

1. Guidelines for establishing minimum and maximum riding limits are stated in Board Policy 6600.

    a. A student whose legal place of residence is a distance greater than two miles from his regular school of attendance will be provided district transportation.

    b. Bus stops for secondary pupils will be established so that no pupil will walk more than one mile. Bus stops for elementary pupils shall be established so that no pupil shall walk more than one-half mile.

    c. The superintendent shall be responsible for establishing procedures pertaining to requests for exceptions to the bus regulations.

    d. A student who resides in an area where safety conditions or lack of improvements make pedestrian traffic hazardous will be provided district transportation.

    e. A student whose condition of physical or mental health limits his capability for traveling to and from school on his own, will be provided transportation under recommendation of a licensed medical practitioner.

2. Transportation needs will be reviewed and analyzed annually by the transportation supervisor and superintendent, and riding limits will be adjusted accordingly.

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