

P7330 PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BECAUSE OF HAZARDOUS TRAVELING CONDITIONS

BOARD POLICY:

Student transportation services will be provided elementary and middle school students who reside less than two and one-half (2¹/₂ miles from their assigned attendance center when the administration determines that hazardous traveling conditions exist and the Board of Education authorizes such services. Such Board action shall specify the hazardous conditions which justify transportation services provided by the district. The extent of transportation services to be provided shall be determined by the Board on the basis of available funds. Notwithstanding the foregoing and upon authorization of the Board of Education, high school students residing less than two and one-half miles from their assigned attendance center, and under otherwise hazardous traveling conditions, will be permitted to utilize seating on existing bus routes to the extent available. Priority in the allocation of such existing seats will be give first to ninth and tenth grade students.

Administrative Implemental Procedures:

1. The administration will make recommendations regarding the existence of hazardous traveling conditions.
2. Hazardous traveling areas are defined as those areas where students in walking to and from school are:
 - a. Required to walk on roadways where the posted speed is 40 miles per hour or more, other than crossing at signal lights and intersections. This would include areas where there are no surfaces on which to walk safely other than the roadway, i.e., no easement, walk paths, and not necessarily the lack of sidewalks.
 - b. Required to cross four or more consecutive lanes where the posted speed is 40 miles per hour or more, lack of pedestrian controlled or automatically controlled crosswalks, and heavy traffic flow – 32,000 vehicles or more on an average daily count taken by the Traffic Engineering Department of the City of Wichita.
 - c. Required to cross two or more adjacent railroad tracks where the posted speed is 40 miles per hour or more, lack of pedestrian controlled or automatically controlled crosswalks, and moderate or heavy traffic flow – 23,000 vehicles or more on an average daily count taken by the Traffic Engineering Department of the City of Wichita.
 - d. Required to cross bridges where there is no pedestrian walkway.
3. If the hazard is on the most direct route and an alternate route without hazard is available, hazardous transportation will not be provided.
4. Recommendations to provide transportation services for students who reside less than two and one-half miles from their assigned attendance area shall be made on the basis of the hazards involved.
5. When the administration determines the specific hazard identified by the Board to justify providing transportation services has been rectified, Transportation Services shall notify the appropriate building administrator. The building administrator shall have ten working days in which to notify the lawful custodians of the students involved. Elimination of transportation service shall occur 45 days after notification to the lawful custodians. If the administration

believes a new hazardous condition has developed in the interim, the issue shall be placed on a Board agenda for determination.

Administrative Responsibility: Operations Division - Transportation Services

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