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Note: See FFC(EXHIBIT) regarding transportation of students in foster care

Bus Routes

School bus routes will be planned to consider:

1. Student population density;
2. Bus capacity;
3. Traffic routes, including hazardous traffic areas;
4. Economy of operation;
5. Location of authorized bus stops;
6. Conditions of roads and bridges;
7. Student travel time; and
8. Transportation of ineligible students, if authorized by the Board

Busing information will be distributed to parents and students before the first day of school. Transportation will inform parents and students of subsequent schedule changes.

All students who use District Transportation will board buses at authorized stops.

INELIGIBLE  
STUDENTS

Transportation for students not eligible for bus service will be granted to students based on the following criteria:

1. The building principal must determine if a hardship exists that prevents or causes extreme difficulty in the parent providing transportation to and from school. Having made this determination, the building principal will send the parent to the Transportation Office with the recommendation form to determine if service is available.
2. Consideration will be given only if space is available on a bus that serves the student's school and residence area. Availability is based on 100% of capacity: seventy-one (71) students on elementary buses and fifty-five (55) students on secondary buses.
3. Permission will be granted on a first come, first serve, non-segregated, non-discriminatory basis as hardship recommendations are received in the Transportation Office.

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4. Permission will be revoked at any time the bus reaches maximum capacity. Students who were last granted permission will be the first removed on a non-segregated, non-discriminatory basis. Students who are “bumped” during the semester shall be entitled to a refund of fee for any remaining months of the semester. Fees will be prorated at the rate of \$10.00 per month or any portion of a month.
5. A student will meet the bus at the stop that is closest to his/her address or the bus may make a stop on the way to the school provided the stop is along the legal route and is not within one mile of the school.
6. A fee of \$45.00 per family, per semester, will be charged for the bus service to ineligibles. The fee may be waived for students qualifying for free lunch, or reduced for students qualifying for reduced lunch prices, under the Federal Lunch Program. The reduced fee will be \$20.00 per semester. This fee is due at the beginning of each semester. A five day grace period will be observed. Service will be discontinued at the end of the grace period if payment for the semester has not been received.
7. Billings, payments, and contracts will be handled at the Transportation Office, 2211 west 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ector County I. S. D. Hazardous Area Designation

Texas Education Code 42.155 (d) A District or county may apply for and on approval of the commissioner receive an additional amount of up to ten percent of its regular transportation allotment to be used for the transportation of children living within two miles of the school they attend who would be subject to hazardous traffic conditions if they walked to school. Each Board of Trustees shall provide to the commissioner the definition of hazardous conditions applicable to the District and shall identify the specific hazardous areas for which the allocation is requested. A hazardous condition exists where no walkway is provided and children must walk along or cross a freeway or expressway, an overpass or a bridge, an uncontrolled major traffic artery, an industrial or commercial area, or another comparable condition.

TEA School Transportation Allotment Handbook

6.2 How Does Our District Ensure That Hazardous-Traffic-Area Service is Eligible to Be Reported?

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To establish funding eligibility for the transportation of hazardous-traffic-area students, your District's school Board must adopt a local policy that:

- defines the hazardous traffic conditions that apply to the District and exist within two miles of its campuses

and

- identifies the specific hazardous traffic areas within the District that contain the hazardous traffic conditions that the Board has defined (the specific hazardous traffic areas eligible for route service).

Your District must submit a copy of the initial policy to the TEA School Transportation Unit to establish eligibility for service that may be provided as a result of the policy. The Board policy may be in any written format but must be adopted through official Board action. Eligibility is effective as of the date the Board adopts the policy. Eligibility is not retroactive to the beginning of a school year if the policy is adopted after the school year begins. The Board policy may be submitted by mail, email, or fax to the postal address, email address, or fax number provided in Appendix A. For audit purposes, your District must also maintain a copy of the policy and a record of its adoption.

Any subsequent change to the policy must be adopted through official Board action and must be maintained locally for audit purposes. However, your District is not required to submit the revised policy to the TEA.

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Less than 2 miles from campuses are:

Blanton Elementary

Blanton attendance zone north of E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street east of John Ben Shepperd Pkwy. Blvd., and south of E. University that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Bonham Middle School

Bonham attendance zone south of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Railroad Tracks.

Burleson Elementary

Burleson attendance zone south of Hwy. 302 and West of N. County Rd. that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Burnet Elementary

Burnet attendance zone south of E. University that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Buddy West Elementary

Buddy West attendance zone north of W. University that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Carver EE Center

Carver attendance West of S. grant Avenue; North of E. and W. 1<sup>st</sup> street that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Streets without safe passage for PK students.

Crockett Middle School

Crockett attendance zone west of N. W. Loop 338 that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery with no designated pedestrian crossing.

Dowling Elementary

Dowling attendance zone south of E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and W 8<sup>th</sup> Street and west of N. Grant Avenue that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students and Railroad Tracks.

Edward K. Downing Elementary

Edward K. Downing attendance zone south of W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between N. War Admiral Drive and N. Moss Avenue.

REASON: No walkway or safe passage for elementary age students.

Goliad Elementary

Goliad attendance zone west of N. Hwy. 385 and south of E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone,

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Gonzales Elementary

Gonzales attendance zone south of E 8<sup>th</sup> Street that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Ireland Elementary

Ireland attendance zone south of E. 42<sup>nd</sup>s Street that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Jordan Elementary

Jordan attendance zone west of N. Hwy. 385 that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Noel Elementary

Noel attendance zone west of N. W. Loop 338 and south of W. University that is within the 2 mile walk zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery with no designated pedestrian crossing.

Odessa High School

Odessa High attendance zone south of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between S. Sam Houston Avenue and Williams Avenue.

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REASON: Railroad Tracks.

Pease Elementary

Pease attendance zone west of N. W. Loop 338 and north of W. University that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery with no designated pedestrian crossing.

Sam Houston Elementary

Sam Houston attendance zone west of N. Hwy. 385 and south of E. University that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

San Jacinto Elementary

San Jacinto attendance zone west of N. West County Rd. that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone,

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Travis Elementary

Travis attendance zone south of I-20 and West of South Crane Avenue.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.

Zavala Elementary

Zavala attendance zone west of S. County Road W. and south of I-20 that is within the 2 mile non-eligibility zone.

REASON: Major traffic artery without safe passage for elementary age students.