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Transportation

The district may provide transportation to and from school for a student:

- A. Whose residence is beyond the one mile radius from the school to which the student is assigned;
- B. Whose walking route to school is hazardous;
- C. Whose handicapping condition prevents him from walking; or,
- D. Who has another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services.
- E. The parent or guardian of a student whose assigned bus stop is beyond the maximum walking distance may receive reimbursement for private transportation at the state mileage reimbursement rate when authorized by the district.

The district's transportation program shall comply in all ways with state law and regulation. Transportation services of the district may include approved bus routes, district-approved field trips, school activities (participants only) and extracurricular activities (rooters). The superintendent is authorized to permit a parent of a student enrolled in school to ride a bus when excess seating is available and private or other public transportation is not reasonably available.

The board of directors may authorize children attending an approved private school to ride a school bus provided that the bus route and stops are not altered, space is available, and a fee to cover the per seat cost for such transportation is collected.

- Legal References:
- RCW 28A.160.010 Transporting of children to school or school activities--Transporting of elderly--Insurance
 - 28A.160.020 Authorization for private school-students to ride buses--Conditions
 - 28A.160.110 School buses--Authorization for parent, guardian or custodian of student to ride
 - WAC 392-141 Transportation--Authority and State Reimbursement
 - 392-171-706 Transportation (Handicapped)

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Routes and Schedules

The superintendent shall be responsible for scheduling bus transportation, including the determination of routes and bus stops as well as overseeing the transportation program. 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. The board may authorize the use of a district-owned passenger car in lieu of a bus for transporting students to and from school.

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

Legal References: RCW 28A.160.030 Authorizing individual transportation or other arrangements - Pupils must provide their own transportation, when
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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 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.