

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Student Walking Distances

A student may be provided transportation when his/her residence is beyond one radius mile of the school to which the student is assigned. A handicapped student who is unable to walk or would not be able to provide for his/her own welfare while walking to school shall be provided transportation services regardless of the distance from home to school.

Each year the superintendent shall present to the board a hazard walking plan for students within the minimum walking distance of their schools for when there appears sufficient justification for the district to provide transportation.

Legal References: WAC 392-171-175 Hazardous conditions
392-171-310 Definitions of "free appropriate,
public education," "adult
student," "handicapped
student," "parent," and "school
district"
392-171-706 Transportation

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Safety

The superintendent shall develop written rules establishing the procedures for bus safety and emergency exit drills and for student conduct while riding on buses.

The bus driver is responsible for the safety of his/her passengers, particularly for those who cross a roadway after leaving the bus. No bus driver shall order or allow a student to disembark at other than his/her customary boarding or alighting place unless so authorized by the superintendent or designee. In order to assure the safety of all, the bus driver may hold students accountable for their conduct during the course of transportation and may enforce district recommended corrective guidelines against a student. Bus drivers are expressly prohibited from using corporal punishment.

Cross References: Board Policy 8123 Student Conduct on Buses
8124 Emergencies

Legal References: WAC 180-20 School Bus Transportation
392-145 Transportation--Operation rules

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Student Conduct on Buses

The superintendent shall establish written rules of conduct for students riding school buses. Such rules shall include as a minimum the requirements of WAC 392-145-035 and shall be reviewed annually by the superintendent and revised if necessary. If the rules are substantially revised, they shall be submitted to the board for approval.

At the beginning of each school year, a copy of the rules of conduct for students riding buses shall be provided to each student who is scheduled to ride a school bus. The classroom teacher and/or bus driver shall review the rules with the students at or near the beginning of each school year. A copy of the rules shall be available upon request at the transportation office.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.600.010	Government of schools, pupils, employees, rules and regulations for--Due process guarantee--Enforcement
	WAC 180-40-225	School district rules defining misconduct--Distribution of rules
	392-145-015	General operating regulations
	392-145-035	Rules for students riding school buses

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Emergencies

In the event of an accident or other emergency, the bus driver shall follow the emergency procedures in accordance with the School Bus Driver Handbook (SPI). A copy of the emergency procedures shall be located in each bus. To insure the success of such emergency procedures, each bus driver shall conduct an emergency evacuation drill within the first six weeks of each school semester. The district shall conduct such other drills and procedures as may be necessary.

Legal References: WAC 392-145-040 Emergency exit procedures
392-145-045

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