

Transportation

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 District shall provide safe and efficient transportation to and from school for all students living in the District:

1. Where the route stop of an elementary level student is more than one radius mile from their attendance area school, the route stop of a middle level student is more than one and a half radius miles from their attendance area school, and the route stop of a high school student is more than two radius miles from their attendance area school;
2. Where the walking route to school is hazardous;
3. For whom there are other compelling and legally sufficient reasons to receive transportation services; or
4. Whose handicapping condition prevents him/her from walking.

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. In order to operate the transportation system as safely and efficiently as possible, the location of bus stops may be determined by such factors as student safety, economy and efficiency. Students may be required to walk up to one mile from their home to their bus stop provided that the walking route is safe.

In lieu of a bus for transporting students to and from school, parents or guardians of students whose assigned bus stops are beyond the minimum walking distance may receive reimbursement for private transportation at the District mileage reimbursement rate or be provided passes for public transportation at the district's discretion and expense.

The District's transportation program shall comply in all ways with state law and regulation. The District shall apply for state transportation apportionment funds and shall maintain the records required to obtain such funding. Transportation services of the District shall include approved bus routes, state-reimbursable field trips, district-approved field trips, school activities (participants only), and extracurricular activities.

Legal References: RCW 28A.160

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.160.030	Authorizing individual transportation or other arrangements — Pupils must provide their own transportation
WAC	392-141 Transportation Authority and State Reimbursement
392-172-204	Transportation (Handicapped)
392-172-035	Definitions of “free appropriate, public education,” “adult student,” “handicapped student,” “parent,” and “school district”

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