

TRANSPORTATION

The district may provide transportation to and from school for:

- A. Students whose residence is beyond the one (1) mile radius from the school to which the student is assigned;
- B. Students whose walking route to school is hazardous;
- C. Students with disabilities which prevent them from walking or providing for their own welfare while walking; or
- D. Students with another compelling and legally sufficient reason to receive transportation services. The parent/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.

Each year the superintendent or designee will present to the board the number of students who live within the minimum distance of their schools and for whom there appears sufficient justification for the district to provide transportation. In this report, the superintendent or designee will also provide the reasons why each of these students is transported.

The district's transportation program will comply in all ways with state law and regulation. Transportation services of the district will include approved bus routes, district-approved field trips, school activities (participants only) and extracurricular activities (. The superintendent or designee is authorized to permit a parent/guardian 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 superintendent or designee may authorize students attending an approved private school to ride a district 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.

Routes and Schedules

The superintendent or designee will 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 superintendent or designee may authorize the use of a district-owned passenger car in lieu of a bus for transporting students to and from school.

In order to operate the transportation system as safely and efficiently as possible, the following factors will be considered in establishing bus routes:

- A. Where an alternate route may be considered without sacrifice of efficiency or economy, preference will be given to that route more directly serving the largest number of students;
- B. 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 (1) mile from their home to their bus stop provided that the walking route is safe; and
- C. School schedules will be adjusted to allow maximum utilization of each bus in the system by alternating elementary and secondary trips.

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

Emergency Routes and Schedules

The district will 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 will be distributed to parents/guardians 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.

	2150 - Co-curricular Program
	2151 - Interscholastic Activities
	2161 - Education of Students with Disabilities
	2162 - Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
	2170 - Career and Technical Education
	2171 - School to Work
Cross References: Legal	2190 - Programs for Highly Capable Students
References:	2255 - Alternative Learning Programs
	2320 - Field Trips, Excursions and Outdoor Education
	3115 - Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services
	3116 - Students in Foster Care
	3130 - District Attendance Areas
	3131 - District Attendance Area Transfers
	3241 - Student Discipline
	3245 - Students and Telecommunication Devices

4210 - Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises
4215 - Use of Tobacco on School Property
4320 - Cooperative Program with Other Districts and Public Agencies
4330 - Cooperation with Private and Parochial Schools and Day Care Agencies
5201 - Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace
5202 - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Mandated Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
6020 - System of Funds and Accounts
6100 - Revenues from Local, State and Federal Sources
6220 - Bid Requirements
6605 - Student Safety Walking to School and Riding Buses
6608 - Video Cameras on School Buses
6620 - Special Transportation
6625 - Private Vehicle Transportation
6630 - Driver Training and Responsibility
6640 - School Owned Vehicles
6690 - Contracting for Transportation Services
6881 - Disposal of Surplus Equipment and/or Materials

RCW 28A.160.030 Authorizing individual transportation or other arrangements

Chapter 392-141 WAC Transportation — State allocation for operations

Chapter 392-172A-02095 WAC Transportation (Special Education)

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