

School Bus Scheduling and Routing

School bus routes will be planned and organized to ensure student safety and receive the maximum bus use efficiency.

1. Student safety shall always be the major part of any route decision.
2. Bus routing will be the responsibility of the transportation supervisor, or delegated representative, with the administrator's help as required.
3. Anyone requesting a route change must be referred to the transportation supervisor or representative responsible.
4. Route conditions will be reviewed routinely for possible upgrading efficiencies of service.
5. Routes will be planned to ensure the least possible amount of time elapsing from first pick-up to school commensurate with economic efficiency.
6. Bus routes shall traverse only those roads which are publicly owned.
7. Students living within one mile of school may be transported for health, safety and disability reasons when an approved supplemental plan is on file.
8. Secondary students eligible for bus transportation may be expected to walk up to one mile to a bus stop. Elementary students may be expected to walk up to one-half mile to a bus stop.
9. A seat space shall be provided for each student. Students must not stand.
10. Students may be transferred directly from one bus to another while being transported to and from school as long as no safety hazard is involved.
11. Where feasible, bus stops will be designated and students will be expected to gather at the assigned stop.
12. Transportation of students for nonschool group activities during regular school to home routes shall, in order to ensure adequate space, obtain prior approval from the transportation supervisor.
13. Staff members and patrons may, with written administrative approval, use transportation routes if load conditions permit. A liability release must be signed prior to authorization.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.405](#)

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Cross Reference(s):

EEA - Student Transportation Services