

Determining Eligibility for Student Transportation

The District will utilize a Transportation Review Committee to determine eligibility for transportation when there are issues involving distance measurement and/or existence of hazardous conditions, and open enrollment transportation.

The membership of the Committee will consist of the Deputy Superintendent, Executive Director of Middle School or Executive Director of Elementary School, and another central District or Building level administrator as appropriate appointed by the Superintendent/designee. The Executive Director of Business Services and the Manager of Transportation will serve as non-voting resource members.

The duties of the Committee shall include the following:

- determine the "most passable and safest route" upon appeal from a decision of the Manager of Transportation;
- follow established criteria for assessing hazardous conditions, and when requested, determine their application;
- recommend, in accordance with Regulation 901.1, transportation to areas where the Committee determines hazardous conditions exist; and
- recommend changes or adjustments in the transportation entitlement program.

Any decision of the Committee regarding distance measurement and hazardous conditions will be subject to appeal to the Superintendent.

Criteria for Route Measurement:

When measuring distance to determine eligibility for transportation, such distance shall be measured by using the shortest distance on public roads only. In determining the shortest distance, the following conditions shall be avoided if possible:

- any part of the interstate highway system restricted solely to vehicular traffic;
- any bridge or viaduct on which a posted weight embargo prohibits school bus traffic; and
- any intersection obstructed by a median strip or curb.

Criteria for Determining Hazardous Conditions:

The following criteria shall be utilized in the determination of hazardous conditions:

- the existence of an intersection where law enforcement officials will not permit the use of crossing guards; and/or
- the existence of a bridge or viaduct where there are no or limited provisions for pedestrian walkways.

When appropriate, consideration also should be given to the following:

- Age of student
- Rural, suburban, or urban areas
- Railroad crossing
 - Main line or switch area
 - Number of tracks
 - Signals available
 - Speed of trains

- Roadway - Walking parallel
 - Adequacy of sidewalks or walkways
 - Width of shoulder if used for walking
 - Adequacy of walkways on bridges or through underpasses
 - Obstructions to pedestrian traffic
- Roadways - Crossings
 - Traffic conditions - number of lanes, speed limits and traffic volume and patterns
 - Visibility at crossing
 - Traffic control devices
 - Availability of crossing guards

The District reserves the right to drop students from the transportation roster if the student fails to ride the bus for two consecutive weeks, unless the Transportation Office is notified by the parent/guardian that bus service is still required. Parents/Guardians can request their students can be added back to the route, but it could take up to five (5) school days to complete the request.

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