

## Regulation Code: 6321 7125-R&P Bus Routes and Stops ~~School Bus Routing and Stops~~

A. The following goals are established to keep student ride time to a minimum.

1. ~~Less A one-way ride time of less than forty-five (45) minutes one-way ride time~~ should be expected for most, but not all, students assigned to buses. One-way ride times may be extended by an additional hour for students assigned to schools that are not close to their homes or assigned to magnet schools and other application schools for which bus transportation is provided. The goal for all students is not to exceed a ride time of 1 hour 45 minutes under normal circumstances.

2. ~~Goals for one-way ride times:~~

~~-Proximity Elementary Students less than one hour~~

~~-Proximity Secondary Students less than one hour~~

~~-Magnet Students, Application students, students attending school not on their choice list, and students attending non-proximate schools - Forty five (45) minutes in addition to the above times.~~

B. Number of students on buses. ~~:-s~~ Students are assigned based upon the following load limits:

Bus Load Limits					
Bus Size # of seats	# students Elementary	# students Middle	# students High	# students Middle & High	
12	36	30	24	24	
16	48	40	32	32	
18	54	45	36	36	
20	60	50	40	40	
22	66	55	44	44	
24	72	60	48	48	
26	78	65	52	52	

C. Requesting changes to bus stop locations:

1. Parents/guardians who are seeking a change to the location of the bus stop assigned to their children, shall submit a request for change by completing [an online Transportation Service Request Form to the Transportation Operations Manager](#).

2. The request should state clearly the action which is desired and justification for the requests.

3. After receiving an appeal concerning a stop, the Transportation [Department Operations Manager](#) may:

- Let the original decision stand with respect to the establishment of a stop, or
- Make a change in accordance with state law or the established rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

4. The response to the request shall be provided to the requestor in writing within two weeks of the date of receipt, ~~with answers clearly stated and fully explained. A copy will be provided to the principal only when the request is received on behalf of the parent from the Principal.~~

5. If the request is denied, the parent may seek review of the decision in accordance with Policy 1740/4010 ~~6520~~, Student and Parent Grievances.

~~D. Requesting service to or from before or after school care providers:~~

~~1. General transportation: Service to or from before or after school care providers for the duration of the school year may be provided when all of the following criteria are met:~~

- ~~-Approval of a request to transport the student to a before or after school care provider will be for the school year, and not for one-time use~~
- ~~-If the provider is a day care or after school care center, day care staff must be present to load/unload students~~
- ~~-Seating space must be available on the bus~~
- ~~-Provider must be located along an existing established school bus run~~
- ~~-Must be of no additional cost~~
- ~~-Must not be in the designated walk zone~~
- ~~-Buses cannot enter day care or after school care center property, which is considered private property~~
- ~~-Approval of transportation to daycare or after school care providers is for the current school year only. Parents/Guardians must resubmit requests each year.~~

~~2. Exceptional Children: service to or from before or after school care providers for the duration of the school year may be provided when all of the following criteria are met:~~

- ~~-Approval of a request to transport the student to a before or after school care provider will be for the school year, and not for one-time use;~~
- ~~-Approval of transportation to daycare or after school care providers is for the current school year only. Parents/Guardians must resubmit requests each year.~~
- ~~-The provider must be located within a five (5) mile radius of the students assigned school or students home address.~~
- ~~-Seating space must be available on the vehicle.~~
- ~~-If the provider is a day care or after school care center, staff must be present to load/unload students.~~

~~-Buses/vehicles cannot enter daycare or after school care center property, which is considered private property.~~

~~3. Requesting service:~~

~~-Parents/guardians may request service to before or after school care providers using Transportation Service Request Form on the transportation website.~~

~~-Each request will be considered according to the criteria listed above, and the parent/guardian will be notified of the decision in writing. A copy will be provided to the principal.~~

~~-If the request is denied, the parent may seek review of the decision in accordance with Policy 1740/4010-6520 Student and Parent Grievances.~~

D. Criteria for determining safe bus stops:

1. Transportation Department staff will consider the following criteria not necessarily in priority order when determining the location of bus stops:

- Adequate lighting,
- Students' pathway to the bus stop,
- To the extent feasible, the stop is visible from nearby residences, business, or other populated areas. ~~Stop is not isolated by its surroundings (visibility from nearby residences, etc.);~~
- Availability of space for multiple students to wait,
- Approaching motorists' view of the bus stop and the stopped bus,
- Street traffic patterns --curves, blind spots, etc.,
- Street or highway traffic volume and speed, and
- Available space for bus to safely stop and/or turn around.

2. Transportation Department ~~staff will drive the affected bus route and/or visit the bus stop in order to obtain full~~ will visit the bus stop in question to obtain information about requests for change ~~if safety concerns have been raised.~~

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