

A. ELIGIBILITY

Students may ride only the bus to which they are assigned. Except for students attending school due to a voluntary transfer, ~~Any student assigned to a base school or a school included on the list of a student's proximity school choices~~ that is one and a half miles or more from his or her ~~domicile residence~~ is eligible for transportation services to and from school. In addition, a student identified as having special needs will be provided with transportation services if entitled to such by federal and state laws and regulations. ~~Homeless students~~ Students experiencing homelessness ~~and those entitled to transfer to a designated school~~, and students who are involuntary assigned to a different school located one and half miles of further from their home by way of an administrative transfer, ~~will be provided transportation in accordance with the law.~~

~~Students who are assigned to a school due to a parent-requested transfer are not eligible for district-provided transportation unless the school is on the student's proximity school choice list. Eligibility for transportation for students attending magnet or calendar option schools and the type of transportation service available is determined by the draw areas defined for each school.~~

The superintendent or designee ~~shall consider applications for~~ may provide transportation services ~~for students who live less than one and a half miles from their schools~~ in the following situations:

1. when ~~he or she determines that~~ factors are present that may endanger the safety of students walking to the school;
2. when ~~he or she determines that~~ the student is medically certified as ~~unable to walk to and from school or temporarily incapacitated.~~
- ~~3. if the student has voluntarily requested a transfer from his or her regularly assigned school and the requested school is greater than one and a half miles from his or her residence.~~

B. APPLICATIONS

The parent or guardian of any child enrolled in the school system may request bus services to and from school, even if the student is not eligible under this policy ~~or a change to the location of a bus stop by completing the Transportation Service Request form, which is posted on the school system's website.~~ The request should be made using the designated online form or by ~~to~~ submitting the designated form to the principal of the assigned school, who shall deliver it to appropriate personnel for processing. ~~The principal or other designated official shall forward the application to the superintendent or designee.~~ If the application is denied ~~by the superintendent or designee~~, the parent may seek review of the

decision in accordance with policy 1740/4010, Student and Parent Grievance Procedure; provided, however, that any Board appeals will be determined in accordance with this policy and by at least a quorum of the Board.

The ~~Wake County~~ Board ~~of Education~~ will direct that the student be provided transportation services if either (1) the Board finds that the student is entitled to be transported to and from school ~~as an eligible student on the school bus designated in the application~~; or (2) the Board finds that the transportation of the student on the requested bus to and from such school is in the best interest of the student, will not interfere with the proper administration of the school or with the safe and efficient transportation by school bus of other students enrolled in the school, and will not endanger the health or safety of the children enrolled at the school.

C. SERVICE PARAMETERS

1. Students are eligible to be transported to and from only one address, which is the address submitted when the student is registered at a school.
2. To assure safety and accountability of students, riders will be dropped off in the afternoon at the same stop where they were picked up in the morning. Exceptions are addressed in policy 6321 Bus Routes and Stops in the section titled “Transportation to Locations Other Than Home.” These exceptions include service to or from before or after school providers.

D. BUS CAPACITY

1. Student capacity limits are displayed inside each bus. Refer to the accompanying R&P for a summary of bus capacities.
2. Band instruments, projects, and other objects cannot take up pupil seating space or block the aisle without prior approval by the principal or designee.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-239, -240, -241, -244; *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy EXCP-000

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