

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Bus Routes

The superintendent or designee will develop school bus routes in accordance with state law and regulations. All bus routes will be on file in the superintendent's or designee's office and all changes will be filed within 10 days after such change becomes effective. Bus routes should follow state maintained roads unless road conditions or other factors make this inadvisable.

Bus Assignments

Any student assigned to a school which is one and a half miles or more from his or her residence is eligible for transportation services to and from school. In addition, the superintendent or his or her designee will consider exceptions when factors are present which may endanger the safety of students walking to the school or when a student is medically certified as temporarily or permanently incapacitated; A student who is identified as having special needs following procedures in the North Carolina Procedures Governing Programs and Services for Children with Special Needs will be provided with transportation services as required by law. A student who has voluntarily requested a transfer from the regularly assigned school may apply but is not guaranteed transportation services.

Safety and Student Transportation Services

Safety is of paramount concern in providing student transportation services. The board recognizes that providing safe transportation requires the cooperation of students, parents, volunteers, personnel and other governmental agencies.

A safe and orderly environment is critical whenever transporting students. Student bus behavior is addressed in policy 4300, Code of Student Conduct. Students also must comply with all other applicable board policies or rules on student behavior. Students will receive training on school bus safety as required by law. The driver of any school bus or other school vehicle must report immediately any accident or incident involving death, injury or property damage to the superintendent or principal, bus coordinator or his or her designee.