

Bus Routes and Schedules

The director of transportation shall be responsible for scheduling bus transportation, including the determination of routes and bus stops, as well as overseeing the transportation program. The purpose of bus scheduling and routing is to achieve maximum service with a minimum fleet of buses, insofar as this is consistent with rendering safe and equitable service to all students entitled to such service, and to create a stable environment and student familiarity with the same bus driver.

The superintendent may authorize the use of a district-owned passenger car in lieu of a bus for transporting students to and from school.

In order to operate the transportation system as safely and efficiently as possible, the following factors shall be considered in establishing bus routes:

1. Where an alternate route may be considered without sacrifice of efficiency or economy, preference shall be given to that route more directly serving the largest number of students.
2. Location of bus stops may be determined by such factors as student safety, economy, and efficiency. Students may be required to walk up to one (1) radius mile from their home to their bus stop, provided that the walking route is safe.
3. School schedules may be adjusted to allow maximum utilization of each bus in the system by alternating elementary and secondary trips.
4. Public or private transit may be used where it is deemed safe and economically feasible.

The district shall apply for state transportation apportionment funds and shall maintain the records required to obtain such funding.

The board directs the superintendent to prepare appropriate procedures to implement this policy.

Cross Reference:

(cf.: 6600 – Transportation of Pupils)

Legal Reference:

RCW 28A.160.030 Authorizing individual transportation

RCW 28A.320.010 Corporate powers

WAC 392-141 State allocation for operations

WAC 392-171-706 Transportation (Students with disabilities)

WAC 392-145-010 Seating and seatbelt requirements

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