

BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

FILE: EEAC

TITLE: Bus Routes

POLICY:

- (1) Designation of Bus Routes - The school board, after considering the superintendent's recommendation, shall designate the route to be traveled regularly by each school bus. Each such route shall meet the following requirements.
 - (a) The route shall be planned, scheduled and adjusted to the capacity of the bus and, insofar as practicable, the normal capacity of each bus shall be used, without standees, to serve students whose homes are beyond a reasonable walking distance from the school center to which they are assigned, except as otherwise provided by Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules. The routing and scheduling of buses shall be planned to eliminate the necessity for students to stand while the bus is in motion. In emergency situations where the number of transported students in a bus exceeds the rated seating capacity, the bus shall proceed at such a reduced rate of speed to maximize students' safety.
 - (b) School bus routes which are designated by the school board shall be restricted to those areas where road conditions, bridge capacities and the number of transported students allow such service to be economically feasible and practicable.
 - (c) A route shall not be extended for the purpose of accommodating students whose homes are within a reasonable walking distance by a shorter or more economical route which is available to serve the students.
 - (d) School bus routes shall, insofar as possible, be restricted to main routes and all- weather roads and shall require a minimal time for any student to travel to and from school. An all-weather road is defined as a road with at least a 12-foot clearance overhead from ground level and which meets the following conditions.
 - (i) Free from safety hazards and passable under all weather conditions
 - (ii) Sufficiently wide so that tree limbs, bushes, and similar hazards do not exist
 - (iii) Free of obstructions and with bridges which are adequate to support the capacity of the bus when loaded
 - (e) A suitable turning area shall be available for any route requiring a bus to be turned around.
 - (f) Only one bus shall be assigned students on any given route unless the school schedules necessitate a dual assignment of buses.

(g) Student loading and unloading stops shall be established at least two-tenths of a mile (1,056 feet) apart, except when student's safety and welfare may be involved.

(2) Change in Routes

School bus drivers shall not discontinue stops, begin new stops or otherwise change a route without prior approval of the superintendent or designee.

(3) Other Provisions

Students who are approved to attend a district school which is not located in their assigned attendance area shall be ineligible for transportation provided by the school board except as permitted by File EE, Transported Students.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Sections 234.112 1006.21; 1001.42; 1006.22, Florida Statutes

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES: 6A-3.001; 6A-3.017; 6A-3.018

ADOPTED: 11/17/08

BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING – cont'd

FILE: EEAC

TITLE: Periodic School Bus Route Evaluations

POLICY:

Periodic school bus route evaluations shall be conducted by appropriate staff members prior to each school year. This survey shall respond to the criteria established for the health and safety of students who walk or who are transported regularly between their home and the school in which they are enrolled.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Sections 1006.21; 1006.21(3); 1006.22, Florida Statutes

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES: 6A-3.001; 6A-3.017; 6A-3.018

ADOPTED: 11/17/08