

## **Bus Stop Guidelines**

### Through County Roads, State Highways

- Students will be expected to access adjoining property where a stop exists
- Students will be expected to cross roads to board or disembark the bus under the direction of the bus driver.

### The minimum distance between driveway stops on through County Roads or State Highways is 200 feet.

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- On lightly traveled county roads, no new stops will be designated within ¼ mile of an existing stop.

### Inside Developments:

- No stops closer ¼ mile from each other.
- Stops will be reviewed, moved, or eliminated as needed to serve the majority of students and maintain the separation of ¼ mile.
- It will be the intent for the buses to travel the primary road serving the development and stops will be placed on the primary road.
- Developments with current interior service will be reviewed yearly and interior service will be removed if the number of students is significantly reduced below the minimum 10 students.

### New Developments interior route extension (all requirements must be met)

- When the minimum distance exceeds one mile from the furthest student's driveway, based on review and,
- Bus can turn around without backing and,
- Roads must be public roads – or signed waiver for private roads and,
- The road must be wide enough to accommodate the bus and other large vehicle traffic, and sight distance for the bus to depart the development must be adequate for bus safety and,
- The minimum number of students actually riding must equal or exceed 10.

### Eligibility of Students for Transportation Services and Routing of Buses.

According to the Board of Education Policy EEAA, students that live within the following distances of their school with suitable walking conditions are not eligible for transportation services:

- Pre-K to Grade 5 = 1 mile
- Pre-K @ mid-day only = ½ mile
- Grades 6 thru 8 = 1 mile
- Grades 9 thru 12 = 1 ½ mile

Regulation EEAB-RA states “A suitable walkway is defined as a sidewalk or road surface inside developments or private roads or other road surfaces where there is minimal transient traffic or when traffic volume is low during the time students walk to and from school or a road shoulder at least five (5) feet wide. This provision does not apply when the residential community is adjacent to the school grounds.”

- Not crossing a active high speed at-grade railroad crossing
- Not crossing a highway high traffic intersection without a pedestrian controlled traffic light or community provided crossing guard.
- A high traffic bridge that does not have a pedestrian walkway.

### Roads identified as “No Travel”

There are some county roads or portions of a road that are not traveled due to road width, road condition, safety concerns, and if a dead end is present. In those situations students may have to walk further than the distances above to get to a point that bus transportation can be provided. Buses do not travel on private roadways.