

Business/NonInstructional Operations

Transportation

Routes and Services

The Superintendent shall direct the study of bus routes in order to provide the safest, shortest routes which will get all students to school in the most economical way. Routes shall be arranged in such a way as to equalize, as nearly as possible, the length of routes and bus loads and to provide for the full use of buses. Arrangements shall provide each student transportation to school within the prescribed time limits. As a guideline, bus routes shall begin no earlier than 45 minutes before school opens and students shall not be in transit from school more than 45 minutes.

Bus routes shall not overlap unless absolutely necessary. When more than one bus travels on an arterial highway, each bus shall be assigned a certain portion of the route and all children within this section shall ride the bus to which they are assigned. Only one bus shall cover one particular road unless overloading occurs.

A student enrolled in the kindergarten will be picked up and discharged at his home except (a) where the child lives at a short dead-end street, (b) where the child lives at a reasonable walking distance from the school, (c) where there is difficulty in turning the bus around, or (d) where road conditions are deemed too dangerous for a bus to travel.

Three copies of each official route shall be made prior to the opening of school. One copy shall be sent to the driver and one to the building administrator of the school. The third copy shall be kept on file in the Superintendent's office. The official bus route shall not be extended or changed until such proposed change has been checked to determine whether it meets all rules and regulations pertaining to safety, efficiency and economy.

Buses shall not go off the main bus route to pick up children unless the distance is one-half mile or more. Students shall not be allowed off the bus until they reach their approved destination.

Eligibility for Out-of-Town Transportation

A student who is placed by a Planning and Placement Team for special education reasons in either a public or private educational institution out-of-town shall be provided the necessary transportation.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1097 Transportation to vocational schools.

10186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance.

10220 Duties of boards of education.

10220c Transportation of children over private roads.

10233a and 10233c Suspension of students.

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