

SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

The school board shall provide a safe transportation system to carry eligible students to and from school.

Bus routes shall be established under the direction of the superintendent. The establishment of bus routes shall take into consideration time on the road, hazardous conditions, distribution of students and other safety factors that the superintendent may designate. Safety of the students shall be the primary consideration.

The designation of bus stops shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, and they shall be placed so as to afford the maximum safety for students. The determination of safety shall be based upon visibility, waiting areas for students, distance from the bus stop to the home and other factors that the superintendent deems pertinent.

The Superintendent may approve extensions and modifications of bus routes for medical and other reasons only when road conditions are such that the bus can operate safely and efficiently and that the families served shall provide a satisfactory place for the bus to turn around. The superintendent may grant exceptions for health or medical reasons only upon the submission of an application when includes a physician's certificate that the student merits special consideration.

Students may lose their bus privileges when they violate regulations of the school board pertaining to student conduct on buses.

Persons other than students must have permission from the superintendent of schools before being provided transportation at any time and then only under unusual circumstances.

School bus routes shall be reviewed at least once each year for safety hazards, fuel conservation, and to assure maximum use of buses. School administrators shall evaluate the safety of pupils at bus stops periodically and shall, at the request of the school board, report the results annually to the school board.

A written vehicular and pedestrian traffic control plan for each school shall be reviewed annually for safety hazards. All new school site plans shall include provisions that promote vehicular and pedestrian safety.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-70, 22.1-78
8 VAC 20-70-160.

Cross Refs.: EB School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency
Response Plan

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