

Sisters School District 6

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School Bus Scheduling and Routing

The board does not feel it unjust to require that a child walk a mile in order to meet a bus, except for safety reasons. Actual routes and bus stops will be determined by the district superintendent. Under ordinary circumstances, the routes will not be altered in order to relieve such a situation when the change would lengthen the run in terms of miles or time. The transportation supervisor shall use the following formula to determine maximum walking distances: the student shall walk whichever is shorter – distance to school or distance to an established bus stop.

The bus will continue to serve spurs (turn around portions of bus routes) only so long as there continue to be riders at these stops the majority of the time. If, over a three week period, there is no one at a turn-around stop for three days out of five per week, the transportation supervisor will request the superintendent to suspend bus service to the area until it is determined that riders will consistently use the bus service.

Routes will be determined based upon efficiency and safety. Bus stops will be determined whenever practical so that pupils load and unload on the side of the road adjacent to their waiting area.

The determination of safe roads for school bus travel shall be made by the transportation supervisor. School bus service will be considered only on paved (blacktop or concrete) and maintained roads except in the case where the superintendent determines it would be hazardous to leave a student on the accepted route. School bus travel on private roads shall be granted only on a condition that the private road be maintained according to standards set by the transportation supervisor. Permission for operating on private property will be secured from the appropriate party. Standards set by the transportation supervisor shall be reasonable and emphasize road safety and minimized wear and tear on the bus, and shall be subject to review by the board.

The district will not contract payments to persons for transporting students to school or bus stops unless otherwise directed by the board.

The superintendent and transportation supervisor will confer annually for periodic review and assessment of school bus routes, stops, and loading zones for safety, changing student population, and supervision of students.

Handicapped Students

Special transportation services will be provided for handicapped students to regular school facilities or special school facilities. Special transportation services will be provided for handicapped, or suspected handicapped, students to centers, facilities, and institutions that provide educationally related diagnostic and evaluative services for the purpose of securing an educationally related diagnosis or evaluation of the student.