

WALKERS AND RIDERS

The Board of Directors of the College Community Schools is required by the Code of Iowa to transport certain students to and from school. The Code of Iowa prescribes the conditions where transportation must be provided by the school district. These conditions can be considered the minimal qualifiers by eligibility for free transportation to and from school.

The Board of Directors of College Community Schools has deemed it appropriate to offer transportation service to the students of the district based on qualifiers that are less stringent than the qualifiers established by the Code of Iowa.

Routes and Stops

- (a) In scheduling bus stops, the Director of Transportation should consider: safety, health, and practicality as critical criteria.
- (b) Bus stops may be established at residences of patrons, relatives, and childcare providers that are within the district boundaries utilizing the guidelines listed within this policy. Requests for changes must be in writing and approved by the Superintendent or designee. Stops will not be established at commercial/business locations. New bus stops will not be established to serve open enrollment students.
- (c) In addition to safety and practicality, the Director of Transportation is to schedule routes and stops in such a manner that transportation costs to the district are kept to a minimum without jeopardizing safety or practicality.

Health & Safety

- (a) When establishing routes and stops for loading and unloading students, safety and health is not limited to, but shall include such factors as: traffic, visibility and terrain.
- (b) In times of general adverse weather or road conditions, the Director of Transportation may schedule limited bus service. Section 285.1(8), The Code...It gives the district the authority to suspend transportation services any day or days due to inclement weather "when the school or schools are closed to all children.

Practicality

- (a) Practicality includes factors such as walking distance to a stop and access to the stop.

- (b) Where transportation by school bus is impractical, the Board of Directors may require the parents or guardian to transport their children to the school designated for attendance. The parent or guardian will be reimbursed for such transportation as designated by state statute. Section 285.1(4), The Code..."In all districts where unsatisfactory roads or other conditions make it advisable, the Board of Directors at its discretion may require the parents or guardians of public and nonpublic school pupils to furnish transportation for their children up to two miles to connect with vehicles of transportation. The parents or guardians shall be reimbursed for such transportation by the Board of Directors of the resident districts at the rate of twenty-eight cents per mile per day, one way, per family for the distance from the pupil's residence to the bus route."

Walking Distance to a Stop

Where practical, students will not be required to walk more than .50 mile to a bus stop. Section 285.1(2), The Code..."Any pupil may be required to meet a school bus on the approved route a distance of not to exceed three-fourths of a mile without reimbursement."

Access

- (a) A school bus will only be routed on privately maintained roads if the party or parties responsible for maintaining the road give unanimous consent in writing for the bus to be routed on the private road.
- (b) School buses will not be routed over public or private roads where parked cars block normal passage or hinder a turnaround.
- (c) School buses will not be routed into dead-end roads unless an adequate turnaround is available.
- (d) School buses will not be routed over public or private roads where normal snow removal procedures would necessitate re-routing of buses.
- (e) Subject to the prior claim of resident students, any student not residing in the district, but accepted on a tuition basis or open enrollment, may be transported on a district bus over a regularly established assigned bus route.

Summer School Transportation

School buses may be used to transport students to and from summer education programs.

Transportation for Handicapped Students and Special Ed Students

Resident students, who qualify for special education classes and are assigned to a school approved by the State Department of Education outside of College Community School District, will be provided transportation as required by state and federal law pertaining to the education of handicapped students. When transportation by school bus is impractical, the Board of Directors may require the Parents or guardians to transport their children to the designated school; the parent or guardian will be reimbursed for such transportation as provided by law. Special Ed students may be suspended from the bus up to ten (10) days per school year. At that time, the parent will be reimbursed for transporting their child/children.

LEGAL REF: Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975
 Sec. 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 Code of Iowa, Chapters 285.1 et seq. 321

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