

## SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

The operation of school buses is scheduled to maximize safety and efficiency.

School bus routes, school sites and safety of students at designated school bus stops are reviewed at least once each year and as changes occur. Routes are reviewed for safety hazards, fuel conservation and to assure the most efficient use of buses. School administrators evaluate the safety of pupils at bus stops periodically and, 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 is reviewed annually for safety hazards. All new school site plans 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 20-70-150.

8 VAC 20-70-160.

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Emergency Response Plan

## BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

## Transportation: Schedules, Routes and Stops

## A. Generally

The supervisor of transportation shall have the responsibility of scheduling bus routes in such a fashion that riding time and duplication of services shall be minimal. Principals should be consulted by the supervisor of transportation in the planning of bus schedules where their school is involved or where specific problems occur.

## B. Bus Stops

Bus stops shall be located in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Bus stops shall be designed to pick up groups of students whenever possible.
2. Bus stops will be located at points of maximum safety.
3. Traffic and traffic patterns shall be considerations in the designation of a bus stop.
4. Students in grades K-5 shall not be expected to walk more than one-half mile to school or to a bus stop. Students in grades 6-12 shall not be expected to walk more than one and one-half miles to school or to a bus stop. The school board may permit the transportation of students nearer to school than the prescribed limits under the following conditions:
  - a. They live along a regularly established bus route.
  - b. The bus is not loaded to capacity when it reaches these students.
  - c. Those living the farthest distance, under the limit, will be given preference.
  - d. The transportation of such students shall not in any way interfere with the regularly scheduled run of buses.
  - e. Students who must walk along extremely hazardous roads may be transported regardless of the distance from home to school.

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Legal References:

Code of VA, § 46.2-871

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