

Decatur County Board of Education

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1 The transportation supervisor shall be responsible for surveying all bus routes and scheduling bus transportation,
2 including the determination of bus stops and the assignment of students.

3 Appeals of transportation decisions shall be made to the director of schools.

4 Students shall not be in transit to and from school more than one and one-half hours each way.¹

5 Upon being hired and at the beginning of each school year thereafter, every bus driver shall be given the policies
6 and procedures relative to the transportation program.²

7 Once the official route is begun, stops shall only be made to take on, discharge or transfer students. Buses are not
8 to make any nondesignated stops, except for emergencies, when transporting students.

9 No student may exit the bus at a destination other than that student's designated bus stop. The director of schools
10 shall develop procedures that would allow a student to exit the school bus at an alternative location. However, no
11 student shall be allowed to exit the bus at a stop other than the student's regular bus stop unless the student provides
12 the driver with a signed note from the parent or guardian informing the driver of the change in the student's bus
13 stop for the day. The driver shall turn the note over to the principal as soon as practical after the completion of the
14 route.³

15 In the event that the driver finds it necessary for a student to exit the bus at a stop other than the student's
16 designated stop in order to preserve the safety of other student passengers or the driver, the driver may remove
17 the offending student from the bus provided that the driver secures the safety of the student for the uncompleted
18 trip. A driver shall report to school authorities as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the route, any
19 student refusing to obey the driver or exiting the bus without the driver's permission at a point other than the
20 student's destination for that trip.⁴

21 Students who ride school buses shall attend the school designated unless the board designates an alternate
22 school. If a parent chooses to send his/her child to another school in the system, the parent must provide
23 transportation to and from that school.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-2105
2. TCA 49-6-2118(b)
3. TCA 49-6-2118(a)
4. TCA 49-6-2118(c), (d)

Cross References

Bus Conduct 6.308