

TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

The Tyler County Board of Education shall provide, at public expense, adequate means of transportation for all children of school age who live more than two miles distance from school by the nearest available road and may provide adequate means of transportation for school children participating in board approved curricular and extra-curricular activities. The board shall provide in addition thereto, by rules and regulations and within the available revenues, transportation for those within two miles distance. In all cases, buses owned by the board of education shall be driven only by drivers regularly employed by the board of education.

The number of passengers to be transported on a school bus at any one time shall not exceed the number that can be safely seated; which number shall be determined by the county superintendent and transportation director. In a case of extreme emergency where the best interest of students involved can be protected, standees may be permitted on a temporary basis.

New bus route extensions shall be established only upon request of families, recommendation of the Transportation Director to the Superintendent, and by approval of the board of education.

Bus routes shall be eliminated upon recommendation of the Transportation Director to the Superintendent and by approval of the board of education.

School bus stops shall be established along the regular bus routes where most feasible for the safe loading and unloading of pupils, as determined by the Transportation Director.

The Tyler County Board of Education is committed to students, parents, and the general public to ensure the safety of the young students through sensible and cautious methods. Consistent with these interests and the obligations of the parents of students in the Tyler County School System, the Tyler County Board of Education has adopted and implemented this policy for Transportation of Pre K –Third Grade Students.

For the safety of the Pre K –Third grade students, the Transportation Department bus drivers will not drop a Pre K –Third grade student off at their designated bus stop or an assigned alternate bus stop without a parent, guardian or established responsible adult visibly present to meet the child and take responsibility for the child’s safe departure from the bus stop area. A student can’t be released with an older sibling unless that sibling is in high school and the parents have signed a consent form.

In cases where a parent, guardian or established responsible adult is not visibly present at the bus stop, the school will be notified and the child will be returned to the school that they attend. When the child is returned to the school, the school administrators will make contact with the parent, guardian or established responsible adult and make arrangements to have the child picked up at the school.

If this situation continues to persist, a conference will be held with parents, guardian and school personnel to determine a resolution.

On a case by case basis, situations may exist where a parent may make an appeal to the school principal and the Transportation Department for an exception to this policy.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Final warning and meeting with parents
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Student is denied to ride school bus for 5 days

REFERENCE: WV School Transportation Regulations, WV Code 18-13, 18-8-1;  
State Policy 4336 11.9

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