

**TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES**

**Walking Distance to School**

The district shall furnish transportation to those students involved at the various grade levels who live beyond the distances from the school as listed below. For grades kindergarten through six, these distances shall be measured by using the most direct route from the student's residence to school. For grades seven through 12, these distances shall be measured by using a radius from the school.

1. All pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 through 3 – one mile
2. All pupils in grades 4 through 6 – two and one-half miles
3. All pupils in grades 7 and 8 – two and one-half miles - radius
4. All pupils in grades 9 through 12 – three miles - radius

Consideration for varying these distances shall be given for those students with special medical reasons. This requires a statement from the family doctor with the need explained and the length of time this special transportation will be needed. Medical permits shall be renewed each school year.

All other students living within the walking distance may also petition for transportation. Special consideration requests may be submitted and shall be renewed each school year.

**Walking Distances to Meet Bus on Routes**

Bus routes shall be planned to give students the best possible service. Every effort shall be made to locate the bus stops at points where pupils can be loaded and discharged safely and conveniently. In areas where pupils live at considerable distances from each other, the school bus may need to stop at each point along the route that is nearest to the pupil's home rather than at central gathering points. In areas where students live close together, they may be required to walk to certain designated bus stops located at intervals along the route. The following is considered reasonable walking distances to meet buses.

1. Students in kindergarten and grades 1 through 3 – ½mile
2. Students in grades 4 through 8 - ¾mile
3. Students in grades 9 through 12 – ¾mile

The above distances to be measured from the point of entry to privately owned property.

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*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

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