

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (Peace River North)

POLICY NO.: 7002

DATE APPROVED: 04-10-08

SUBJECT: BUSING

Policy:

The Board may provide access to busing for students enrolled in district schools as per established regulations.

Regulations:

Objectives:

1. To provide busing to all school-age children in public schools in a manner that is as fair as possible.
2. To ensure that the busing of children is carried out in the safest manner possible.
3. To operate a busing program that is economical and feasible, while serving a vast geographic area.
4. To assist in providing alternatives such as correspondence, boarding allowance, transportation allowance, etc., where it is neither economical nor feasible to provide busing.

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Subject: Busing-Routes/Services

- A. Transportation services may be provided except in cases where:
- a) In the opinion of the transportation supervisor the roads involved are not suitable for buses.
 - b) Buses must leave main routes and suitable turnarounds are not available.
 - c) Proposed variations in the bus routes would result in unacceptable pickup and or waiting times for other students.
- B. All transportation services are subject to financial limitations as determined by the Board.
- C. The priority for providing transportation will be:
- a) (first) All school-age children attending public schools and residing in areas where transportation is deemed necessary within the attendance area of their school.
 - b) (second) Those students attending accredited schools will be transported on a no-extra-distance, space-available basis.
Those schools are as follows:
 - Christian Life Academy
 - c) (third) Those attending non-accredited schools will be transported on a no-extra-distance, space-available basis.
- D. College students may be transported only with the express permission from the Transportation Supervisor and on any no-extra-distance, space-available basis.
- E. No one other than students, school board officials, and contractor officials shall be allowed to ride on a school bus without special permission by the Transportation Supervisor.
- F. Boarding allowance students may be allowed to ride on the school bus to and from home on weekends with special permission on a no-extra-distance, space-available basis.
- G. Walking distances shall be calculated as distances walked from student residences.
- To nearest school

Year 1- 4	4 km (2 ½ miles)
Year 5-12	4.8 km (3 miles)
 - To nearest bus stop

Year 1-12	3.2 km (2 miles)
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1. To/from school

Except in the following cases, students living within city or town limits will not be entitled to school bus service, regardless of walking distances to schools:

- a) students with special needs may be supplied with transportation service from their residents to school and return;
- b) transportation may be provided for students attending special needs classes at the school outside their own attendance area;
- c) at the discretion of the Board of Education, students living within city/town limits, may board buses at schools near their homes and be transported to other schools within city/town limits. Such student passengers shall ride on a space available basis and no extra stops or distances shall be incurred;
- d) for safety reasons, which may include busy highway, busy railroad crossings, fog etc.

2. Walk limits for establishing bus routes

Except for students living within city or town limits, transportation may be provided when distances exceed the following guidelines:

- One To nearest school
 - Year 1-8 1.6 km (one mile)
 - Year 9-12 3.2 km (two miles)
- To nearest bus stop
 - Year 1-12 1.6 km (one mile)

3. Bus Routes

When the Board of Education establishes and/or deletes bus routes, consideration will be given to the average cost, the catchment boundaries and the availability of funding.

4. Special Cases

Special cases may be made in the following circumstances:

- a. students are disabled, ill or injured and are unable to walk;
- b. extreme weather conditions prevail.

5. Winter Legs

For the purpose of this regulation, winter bus services shall be in effect from November 1 to March 31 of each year.

6. Transportation assistance as an alternative to busing

Should the district not be able to provide transportation and students choose to attend school, transportation assistance shall be made available in accordance with the existing regulations.

7. Bus schedules

The Transportation Supervisor shall establish schedules and bus stops ensuring maximum safety and service to the greatest number of students. Schedules may change from time to time, to assure safety and efficiency of service. Schedules must be run in such a manner that buses do not leave their stops before the scheduled time.