



## **TRANSPORTATION**

The district may provide transportation to and from school for a student.

The district's transportation program shall comply with state law and regulation and the district's Guidelines for Providing Pupil Transportation Services. Transportation services of the district may include coordination of walk-to-school programs, crossing guards, approved bus routes, district-approved field trips, school activities (participants only) and extracurricular activities (rooters).

### Routes and Schedules

The transportation director shall be responsible for scheduling bus transportation, including the determination of routes and bus stops as well as overseeing the transportation program.

The purpose of bus scheduling and routing is to achieve maximum service with a minimum fleet of buses insofar as this is consistent with rendering safe and reasonably equal service to all students entitled to such service. The board may authorize the use of a district-owned passenger car in lieu of a bus for transporting students to and from school.

In order to operate the transportation system as safely and efficiently as possible, the following factors shall be considered in establishing bus routes:

- A. Location of bus stops may be determined by such factors as student safety, economy and efficiency. Students may be required to walk up to one mile from their home to their bus stop provided that the walking route is safe.
- B. School schedules shall be adjusted to allow maximum utilization of each bus in the system by alternating elementary and secondary trips.

The district shall apply for state transportation apportionment funds and shall maintain the records required to obtain such funding.

### Emergency Routes and Schedules

The district shall develop emergency bus routes and schedules to be used when weather conditions make the usual routes impassable or too hazardous. At the beginning of the school year, copies of emergency routes and schedules shall be distributed to parents with instructions on how to obtain emergency information.

If roads are closed to buses but not to private vehicles, the district may continue to operate the instructional programs of the schools without providing bus transportation until the roads are again open to buses.

Legal References:	RCW	28A.160	Student Transportation
		28A.160.020	Authorization for private school students to ride buses — Conditions
		28A.160.030	Authorizing individual transportation or other arrangements
	WAC	392-141	Transportation —State allocation for operations
		392-172-204	Transportation (Special Education)
		392-172-035	Definitions of “free appropriate, public education,” “adult student,” “special education student,” “parent,” and “public agency”