

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION

R-3531

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

- I. To ensure uniform student transportation services, the Clark County School District has established the following guidelines:
 - A. Walking Distance and Safety Conditions
 1. A "walking distance" of two miles from a school is measured from the edge of a dedicated street or road immediately in front of the main entrance to the school grounds along dedicated streets or roads to a point on the edge of the street or road immediately in front of the walkway or access to the individual residence. Exceptions are applicable when neighborhood paths are suitable and/or when back or side gates in fence-lines are readily available to pedestrians. Measurements can be calculated from either side of the fence/wall or by the routing software. In unique situations, where extensive school setbacks from a dedicated street exist, the Transportation Department, at its judgment, may use measurements on school district property to the main entrance of the school for determination of the two-mile "walking distance."
 2. The District will cooperate with local government agencies to ensure the safety of students walking to and from school. The ultimate responsibility of safe student passage to and from school/pickup points rests with the parent or legal guardian.
 3. Emergency transportation services may be provided in the event of extreme flooding conditions or if street or road construction interferes with normal walking routes.
 - B. Bus Seating, Available Seats, and Bus Routes (General Education)
 1. Students residing outside the measured "walking distance" from their assigned schools shall receive transportation services.
 2. Bus routes are established within fiscal limitations and the availability of buses to limit two to a seat for senior high school students and three to a seat for middle school and elementary school students.
 3. "Pickup" points along bus routes are established according to site and traffic conditions and in consideration of adjacent property owners. Such points may be relocated during the school year as deemed appropriate. When administration becomes aware of plans to relocate a pickup point, parents will

be provided notification three (3) days in advance of the effective date. Written communication will be distributed to students by appropriate bus drivers and electronic notification will be distributed to the parent/guardian email of record in Infinite Campus.

4. Students residing within "walking distance" of their assigned schools may receive transportation as-available, on an existing general education bus with available seat preference being to students most distant from their assigned schools. Assignment of transportation to a student on an as-available basis will be done in accordance with standardized procedures established by the Transportation Department. Transportation granted on an as-available basis is a privilege and subject to a one-day written revocation notice at the discretion of the District.
5. General education school bus routes will be routed on roads maintained by government agencies. In the best interests of student safety, the Director of Transportation or Chief Operating Officer, in their absolute discretion, may approve a bus to be routed onto a private road provided:
 - a. There is nothing in place to hinder the ability of a bus to enter or exit the road (for example, gates, guard houses, and overhangs).
 - b. Consideration is given to the number of students and their grade levels.
 - c. The community has not been designated as a "senior" or "adult" community.
 - d. The road has a speed limit of 25 mph or greater.
 - e. The bus must be able to travel the road without tree limbs or bushes brushing the vehicle.
 - f. The road is paved and wide enough to allow two school buses traveling in opposite directions to safely pass each other.
 - g. The bus is able to safely turn around, preferably without backing up.
 - h. The road must be kept in good repair.
 - i. The bus will not enter any private road for a distance of less than .75 miles.
 - j. In newly established housing developments, road construction must be complete and housing construction may not interfere with traffic flow.

- k. The developer/property owners shall sign a permission/release of liability agreement with the District.
- l. If transportation service involves special education students, different rules may apply.

C. Special Education and Special Transportation Services

Special education and special transportation services for special education students, students attending special schools, and general education students requiring special transportation services are prescribed on an individual basis in accordance with the District's Student Support Services Procedures Manual.

- 1. A Transportation Department representative will coordinate with the appropriate property management agency for any special education buses requiring access to private roads.

D. Other Transportation Services

Students issued District funded Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) bus passes will no longer be considered eligible for District transportation. Parents/guardians are responsible to ensure access to RTC services and adherence to RTC passenger code of conduct.

- II. The Operational Services Unit is responsible for developing and implementing procedures for student transportation services.

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