

## Bus Routes

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### I. General Policy Statement

The superintendent or designee shall develop school bus routes in accordance with state laws and regulations. All bus routes will be kept on file and all changes will be filed within 10 days after the change becomes effective.

### II. Regulations

- A. The safety of the students and the efficient use of buses will be the determining factors in creating bus routes and bus stops along these routes.
- B. Parents should contact the school concerning the approximate school bus arrival times after the route has been determined.
- C. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that a student is present at a bus stop prior to the arrival time.
- D. Upon request by the parent, the principal and superintendent or designee may assign a student to a bus route to and/or from a location other than the home if the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The parent or guardian submits a written signed request stating the specific location/bus stop;
  - 2. The requested location/bus stop does not require a bus to deviate from the established route;
  - 3. There is capacity on the bus for the request route and bus stop;
  - 4. The student's residence and requested bus stop are within the school's attendance zone;
  - 5. The request for the alternate route/bus stop does not cause the school system to incur any additional cost;
  - 6. The requested bus stop meets established safety standards.
- E. School buses will not be allowed to operate if there is a serious threat to the safety of students or drivers. The superintendent or designee shall develop a more limited bus route(s) for hazardous weather conditions in order to operate only on roads that are safe.
- F. A student who is identified as having special needs following procedures in the North Carolina *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities* will be provided transportation services as required by law.

**Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-240(d), -246; State Board of Education Policies, *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities***