

**BEND - LA PINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 1
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
CODE: EEAB-AR
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SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

Elementary students K-5 living within one mile and secondary students grades 6-12 living within one and one-half miles from their assigned school of attendance may not be provided with home-to-school transportation by the district. Exceptions may be granted based on supplemental plans for each district school submitted by the Board and approved by the Oregon State Board of Education, pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rules.

The district shall determine routes and stops that its school buses shall observe and make reasonable efforts to communicate this information to the residents of the district. Actual school bus stops and routes will be determined by the transportation supervisor and will be based upon efficiency, safety, Board policy and applicable state and federal laws and rules.

School buses operated by and for this district shall only travel on roads that are safe and are maintained by the county or by others to county standards.

The determination of whether a road is safe shall be made after consultations with district officials and/or county road officials.

If a road is judged to be safe for school bus travel and is properly maintained, the school bus may travel the road as a designated route, subject to the number of students being served by the road, distance they must walk and overall length of the route in terms of mileage, time and availability of equipment.

No elementary student will be expected to walk more than one mile to a designated bus stop. No secondary student will be expected to walk more than one and one-half miles to a designated bus stop. For purposes of this policy, "miles from a designated bus stop" means the distance the student lives from the bus stop measured from the closest, reasonable and prudent point between the bus stop identified by the district for the student's transportation and the property where the student lives. The distance will be measured over the shortest practicable route or public roadways maintained by the county or by others to county standards or over existing pedestrian facilities.

The Transportation Supervisor will:

1. Review and assess school bus routes, stops and loading zones for safety, changing student population and supervision of students;

2. Advise parents of changes in transportation policy affecting their students as early as possible and be responsive to parents' calls for assistance in seeking alternatives to busing;

3. Work with cities, the county and other appropriate governmental agencies on a continuing basis to inform them of transportation problems.