

Weakley County Board of Education

Descriptor Code:
3.401

Scheduling and Routing

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1. All school bus routes shall be arranged in such a way as to travel the shortest, safest possible distance from the time the first child is picked up until the trip is complete.
2. The Transportation Supervisor shall periodically review bus routes in each district in order to provide the safest possible routes requiring the shortest length of time needed to get all children to school in the most economical way.
3. The Transportation Supervisor will be in charge of surveying and routing all buses.
4. Bus routes shall be arranged in such a way as to provide each eligible child in the district transportation to school within the prescribed time limits. Bus routes shall begin no earlier than one and one-half (1-1/2) hours before school opens and children shall not be in transit from school more than one and one-half (1-1/2) hours after dismissal.¹
5. Where practical, safe, time-saving and economical, transfers may be made from one bus to another to provide the best overall transportation system possible.
6. Transfers shall be made from one bus to another at a school campus.
7. Bus routes shall not overlap unless necessary to reach some other portion of each respective route; or unless overlapping results from the necessity to travel the main arterial highway to school centers. When more than one bus travels an arterial highway, and each bus picks up some children along such routes, each bus shall be assigned a certain portion of the route and all children within this section shall ride the bus to which assigned.
8. The Transportation Supervisor is authorized to make changes which improve a situation and meet the above criteria. Appeals of this decision should be made to the Superintendent and to the School Board.²
9. Once the official route is begun, stops shall only be made to pick-up or discharge students. Buses are not to stop at stores (or make any other non-designated stops except for emergencies) when transporting students.
10. Buses will not go on private roads, and a bus route will not be extended to where a child lives within one-fourth (1/4) of a mile or less of the regular established bus route.
11. The first load of students transported by a bus is not to arrive at school more than thirty (30) minutes prior to the opening of school.

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12. If a parent chooses to send his/her child to another school in the system, the parent must provide transportation to and from that school.

Legal References:

1. TCA 49-6-2105
2. TCA 49-6-2106

Cross Reference:

Bus Conduct 6.308