

WALKING DISTANCE TO BUS STOP

The Board of Education recognizes the need for safety and accountability for bus drivers to pick up children at assigned bus stops. Bus stops are assigned to students based on the proximity of their neighborhood of residence to a central area for meeting the school bus. It is the expectation that school bus drivers will stay on schedule and not create any changes to routes without the approval of the Supervisor of Transportation or his/her designee.

The purpose of this policy is to state that the District's walking distance to assigned bus stops for appropriate education levels is as indicated below. Any exceptions to these guidelines will be at the discretion of the Supervisor of Transportation.

1. Grades K–4 is up to three-tenths (.3) mile maximum from home to bus stop.
2. Grades 5–8 is up to one-half (.5) mile maximum from home to bus stop.
3. Grades 9–12 is up to one (1.0) mile maximum from home to bus stop.

Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of their students to and from the bus stop. Buses will not stop for pick-up or drop-off except at the assigned stops.

Parents/guardians who request a change of stop may follow the protocols developed with the Bus Stop Review Committee process as per Policy 8410 and Regulation 8410-R.

Any bus driver who arbitrarily stops anywhere, on their own and without the approval of the Supervisor of Transportation or his/her designee, other than the assigned bus stop will be subject to disciplinary action and possible suspension from work.

Note: New York State Education Law § 3635 requires that students be provided transportation if they live more than two miles (Grades K-8) or three miles (Grades 9-12) from school. Distances of up to one mile are not uncommon within New York State.

Reference: Education Law § 3635, Transportation

Cross-Reference: Policy 8410, Student Transportation
Policy 8412, Bus Routing & Planning for Group Stops

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