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STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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Any student who resides within an area prescribed by the School Board is eligible to ride the school bus to and from school. No state funds are received for the transportation of a student whose home is within two (2) miles from the nearest appropriate school as determined by the School Board; therefore, no such student shall be reported as transported for state reimbursement purposes.

- (1) Exceptions may be made in the case where a child is handicapped or when it has been determined that the nearest route taken will be extremely unsafe for the child to walk due to the traffic, natural hazards, or other peculiar circumstance.
- (2) Determination of such unsafe conditions shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent upon the consideration of findings of the supervisor of transportation in cooperation with the bus operator, and recommendations of school administration, law enforcement agencies, or local safety groups.
- (3) When it is impractical to provide bus transportation for reasons of isolation from regular school bus routes to the school of assignment, a parent, as defined by Florida Statutes, aide, or other person transporting the student may be authorized by the Board to be reimbursed at the rate provided by law.
- (4) The operator shall obey all traffic laws and posted speed limits. Buses must not exceed 55 miles per hour at any time. As per State Statute 316.183(2) and (3).
- (5) The amber lights shall be actuated at a point approximately two hundred (200) feet from each student stop or at such greater distance as is necessary due to traffic that the bus is approaching a student passenger stop. When the bus has stopped and before the door is opened, the amber lights shall be deactivated and the stop signal arm supplemented by flashing red lights, shall be displayed as due warning that students are being loaded or unloaded. The bus door shall not be opened to unload students until approaching traffic in the immediate vicinity of the bus has stopped.
- (6) The bus shall be stopped at least fifteen (15) feet from the nearest rail of any railroad grade crossing. The operator shall not proceed across tracks until after looking carefully in each direction, opening the door and listening for the sound of an approaching train, and determining that it is

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safe to proceed. The bus door shall be closed before proceeding across the tracks of a railroad.

- (7) Order and discipline for students shall be maintained at all times the bus is in operation. Any serious misconduct, or continued less serious misconduct, on the part of a student shall be reported to the principal.
- (8) The license number of any vehicle, and the name of the driver if known, which illegally passes the bus while a student is entering or leaving shall be reported to the Coordinator of Transportation.
- (9) Each bus shall be parked during the school day in a location designated by the Coordinator of Transportation.
- (10) Periodically student transportation routes and student walking conditions shall be reviewed to determine if hazardous conditions exist. Appropriate requests for designation of hazardous conditions shall be provided as required by state law or State Board of Education rules.

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