

REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDERS

Upon notification of the existence of a sexual offender whose victim was under the age of 18 subject to conditional release supervision as described in Section 947.1405, Florida Statutes, the Transportation Department will plot the residence of the sexual offender on its master routing map and assess all bus stops in the area.

The Transportation Department will initiate a bus stop change to reposition any bus stop that is located within 1,000 feet of a supervised offender described in Statutes.

If the offender is not supervised, but nonetheless is listed as a registered offender or predator, the District will ensure its bus stops are not located closer than 100 feet from the offender, whether the offender is still serving sanctions imposed by law or not.

There are no restrictions governing students who might walk past an offender's home to or from the bus stop.

Only sexual offenders subject to conditional release supervision are assigned a curfew and in those cases, curfew is limited to the hours of 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM.



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PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ascertain and ensure your children arrive at the bus stop on time (at least five minutes before planned bus arrival time).
2. Provide necessary protection for your children in going to, from and at bus stops. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring the safety of their students during the portions of each trip to and from home and at the assigned bus stop (including center-to-center bus stops) when the District provides bus transportation.
3. Accept joint responsibility with school authorities for proper conduct of your children.
4. Make a reasonable effort to understand and cooperate with those responsible for student transportation.
5. Pay for any damage to a bus or equipment caused by acts of vandalism by your children.
6. Comply with established District Pre-K Transportation Guidelines if you have Pre-K students who are transported on board District buses.
7. Meet your children at the bus stop at bus arrival time in the afternoon if your children utilize center-to-center (C2C) bus stops.
8. Ensure your student's address and contact information remains current and accurate in the school's student database.

BUS STOP CHANGE REQUESTS

Parents/Guardians may request bus stops be repositioned by contacting Transportation staff directly. Route Managers have the authority to reposition bus stops as appropriate as long as safety, efficiency, and dependability of the existing bus stop is not degraded, and as long as a bus stop change will not pose an unwarranted hardship on another student. Parents/Guardians may appeal denied bus stop decisions to the Bus Stop Change Committee (BSCC) by submitting a Bus Stop Change Request form directly to the Transportation Department. Forms are available at schools and online.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT POLICIES



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL BOARD RULES

Eligibility for Transportation

Students are eligible for transportation if they are legally enrolled in the District's public schools and they live greater than or equal to:

- 1 mile from their zoned school if they are elementary school students
- 1.5 miles from their zoned school if they are middle school students
- 2 miles from their zoned school if they are high school students

* Florida Administrative Code establishes the distance between home and school as 2 miles for all students, but the Escambia County School District has set a different criteria.

Students attending certain Choice schools and programs outside the student's residential attendance zone may request transportation service from an existing bus stop within the student's destination school attendance zone. These request are made via the Choice Transportation Request and must be approved by the Transportation Department.

Walking Distance to the Bus Stop

Whether a parent chooses to have their children walk what is known as a "reasonable walking distance" is left to the parent's discretion. However, it is the distance at which transportation services begin. The reasonable walking distances between home and the bus stop are:

- 1/2 mile for elementary school students
- 1 mile for high school students

* Florida Administrative Code establishes the distance between home and the bus stop as 1.5 miles for all students, but the Escambia County School District has set a different criteria.

Note: Distances apply only to the extent that publicly-maintained all-weather roads can be accessed.

Transportation Accommodations

The Escambia County School District is one of the few its size in the State of Florida to permit special transportation accommodations to the extent that it does. In authorizing these courtesy exceptions, however, the District is adamant about ensuring its parameters do not permit the accounting for students to be compromised. The District transports 24,000 students on board 330 school buses twice each day, so keeping track of "special cases" requires careful planning and coordination. In ANY case where a complete and accurate accounting for students is in doubt, the accommodation will not be approved.

- A. Parents/guardians may request bus transportation to an after-school child-care facility. The request will be approved if there is space available on the bus roster, the facility is located along the existing bus route, and the duration is five or more consecutive school days.
- B. Parents/guardians may request bus transportation on a school bus other than the one assigned to their child to and from an existing bus stop located in their destination school's attendance zone. The request will be approved if there is space available on the bus roster and the duration is five or more consecutive days.
- C. Parents/guardians may request bus transportation to or from an alternate bus stop along their regular bus route. Requests will be approved if the duration is five or more consecutive days.
- D. Parents/guardians may request bus transportation from outside their destination school attendance zone from an existing bus stop located in their destination school's attendance zone. Requests will be approved on a space available basis.

Requests for transportation accommodation must be renewed with a new request each year. There are no automatic renewals due to the fact that space availability must be determined each year.

Space Available Transportation Criteria

Aside from the parameters governing each space available accommodation, parents are advised that it is provided only under specified circumstances as a courtesy and is sustained at the District's discretion. The services may be terminated or altered at any time without notice or right to challenge. Because student ridership throughout the year can fluctuate dramatically, space availability for students already accommodated can go away.

Special (ESE) Transportation Services

The District provides special student transportation for ESE and Section 504 students whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan requires it. The student's school will review the IEP and submit a Specialized Transportation Services Slip to the Transportation Department in order to arrange for these services.

School Choice with Transportation

The District provides School Choice transportation services for elementary students attending school within their Choice zones and students attending N. B. Cook Elementary School, Brown Barge Middle School, West Florida High School, and Pensacola High School IB Program.

Elementary School Choice students attending school in their Choice zone may request transportation services from an existing bus stop within their destination school's attendance zone upon approval by the Transportation Department after submitting the Request for Choice Transportation.

Students attending N. B. Cook Elementary School, Brown Barge Middle School, West Florida High School, and Pensacola High School IB Program may ask to be added to the bus roster for service from any of a number of designated center-to-center (C2C) bus stops located around the District.