

Descriptor Term:

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**PUPIL TRANSPORTATION
ROUTE PLANNING**

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Pupils of legal school age, which shall include kindergarten pupils, and pre-school children under certain conditions and in actual attendance in the public schools who live a distance of one (1) mile or more by the nearest traveled road from the school to which they are assigned or who live less than one (1) mile from the school and are in the regular route of travel for a school bus and space is available in such bus for such transportation shall be entitled to transportation.

All routes shall be laid out so as to place pupils entitled to transportation within a reasonable distance of their home. In all cases, the transportation route will be so laid out that no child will be required to walk a greater distance than one-half mile to reach the vehicle of transportation in the morning or his home in the afternoon, provided road conditions, turning space, etc. are favorable for the bus to travel thereon.

The Board of Education hereby makes authorization for the school administration to establish supplementary transportation routes in order to meet emergencies which may arise during the school year. Emergencies exist, when in the considered judgment of the principal, local bus supervisor, and/or district administration, it would be for the safety, welfare, and best interests of the student(s) that the transportation plan be altered to accommodate these special or emergency needs.

Reference: MS Commission on School Accreditation