

SAFETY BUSING

Each year, no later than the regular board meeting in August, the Board of Trustees shall review and vote on all requests for new safety busing locations. The Superintendent/designee is directed to review all existing safety busing locations at intervals of at least every three (3) years.

Guidelines

Criteria for Consideration of Safety Busing

1. At least one (1) of the following criteria shall be met before the Board of Trustees will consider requests for safety busing.
 - a. unsupervised crossing of a heavily traveled multi-lane roadway requiring beyond-age-level comprehension of complex traffic hazards;
 - b. walking along an arterial road and highway permitting fifty-mile-per-hour speeds;
 - c. crossing an intersection in competition with a high volume of right turning vehicles without the benefit of adult supervised crossing;
 - d. walking in the traffic lane of an arterial or collector street because of the absence of sidewalks or usable shoulders which are at least three (3) feet wide;
 - e. walking beside or over unprotected waterways;
 - f. walking routes which are temporarily interrupted by major road construction, building construction, or utility construction;
 - g. walking routes interrupted by numerous high traffic volume business driveways;
 - h. other unique circumstances or extraordinary factors.
2. The existence of any of the above criteria does not automatically qualify an area for safety busing.

Other Evaluation Factors for Safety Busing

1. The Board of Trustees may also consider other evaluation factors including but not limited to:
 - b. traffic count,
 - c. traffic gap times,
 - d. posted speed,
 - e. width of roadway,

- f. width of walking area,
 - g. length of time student would be exposed to area of concern,
 - h. age of pupils,
 - i. number of students,
 - j. traffic control signs and markings, as well as
 - k. written comments received from parents, patrons, and school personnel prior to voting on the issue.
2. Further, the Board of Trustees shall consider the criteria set out in its measuring and scoring instrument Measuring Instrument for Walking Students #8120F

DEFINITION:

Safety Busing: the transportation of a student who lives less than one and one-half (1½) miles from school when, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, the age or health, or safety of the students warrants such action.

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Cross Reference: Transportation #8100
Student Qualifications for Transportation #8105
Board Authorization of Transportation #8110
Non-Transportation Zones #8115

Legal Reference: Idaho Code § 33-1501 Transportation Authorized

Handbook Reference:
Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations, November 2006