



Transportation Procedures

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What the School Law Book Says

According to the Commissioner of Education, a student can ONLY have a single residence for school purposes.

According to the Commissioner of Education, there is NO statutory or regulatory requirement that a district transport a student whose parents share joint custody to one parent's home on some days of the week and the other parent's home on different day's of the week (Appeal of Dickenson, 39 ED Dept Rep 41 (1999); Appeal of Van Der Jagt, 33 Ed Dept Rep 517 (1994)).

The Commissioner of Education has ruled that, depending on the circumstances, one-way trips of up to one-and-one half hours are not necessarily excessive (Appeal of Hoffman, 55 Dept Rep, Cec. No. 16, 831 (2015); Appeal of Devore, 36 Ed Dept Rep 326 (1997)).

Parent Visibility

- ▶ The bus driver is to see a designated adult before a child will be released from the bus.
- ▶ THIS PRACTICE WAS ESTABLISHED YEARS AGO AND HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO TRANSPORTATION STAFF AND FAMILIES FOR REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT OF PAST PROCEDURES.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

- ▶ One ALTERNATE LOCATION may be designated where a child may be dropped off other than the PRIMARY LOCATION.
- ▶ The PLAN must be CONSISTENT for TEN WEEKS.
- ▶ Ex: M/W/F-home Tu/Th-day care OR home each day
- ▶ EMERGENCIES do happen and during the year the building admin team and transportation supervisor will evaluate such emergencies and a bus slip may be granted.
- ▶ Even with EMERGENCIES, families should try to pick up their child at dismissal or have someone stationed at the primary location FIRST.

Student Drop Off

- ▶ Drivers will wait 30 seconds to see a designated adult. Waiting longer creates driver overtime at district expense and other students drop off times longer than scheduled.
- ▶ If the designated adult is not present, then the driver will communicate with building office.
- ▶ If adult not reached, the student will be transported to the MS/HS and attempts will be made to notify parents.
- ▶ After the second time, a meeting may be arranged with the parents, building administrator, and transportation department.
- ▶ Following communication, and on the third offense, there will be a charge to the family as the district will need to hire staff to work longer hours at our taxpayer's expense.

Affects on Students/Teachers

Students often worry or wonder most of the day where they are going after school which disrupts their learning.

Teachers and staff are afraid to make errors and become nervous with so many changes in bus slips and spend time on the phone trying to plan.

Changes in routine cause students to be unorganized and feel not prepared for the day.

BUS SLIPS- Here's the Data!!

- ▶ First Week of School in 2016
- ▶ Mooers Elementary- 89
- ▶ Rouses Point Elementary- 117
- ▶ First Week of School in 2017
- ▶ Mooers Elementary- 18
- ▶ Rouses Point Elementary- 25

Overall, What People Are Saying!!!!

Students

Less questions in school
Less worry in school

Staff

Less questions in school
Less worry to make an error
Feel the system is much safer
Less disruption in classrooms with fewer office announcements
The support of routines and procedures allow for more success for our children
Drivers feel much more at ease as there is less opportunity for error
Office staff able to assist in other duties now instead of writing bus notes

Parents

Most accept and support- few calls to buildings
The population still having concerns with the plan is due to difficulty with creating consistent schedules
Few questions regarding parents with disabilities-visibility
Few questions regarding drop off charge

How Has the District Communicated?

- ▶ Transportation Committee/Buildings and District Office (calls)
- ▶ Two letters mailed home
- ▶ Webpage
- ▶ Two automated messages home
- ▶ BOE Meetings
- ▶ Upcoming Open House
- ▶ Transportation Advisory Committee- November (parents and district staff to continue planning for the future)



THANK YOU to our families for your support for making our system SAFER for our students and staff.

Change is difficult, however we very much appreciate your partnership and understanding of our goals!!!