

**STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION
(Walkers and Riders)**

Middle school and high school students living within the district one mile or more from school may be transported to and from school by bus at no cost. Children attending grades kindergarten through fifth grade and Traditional School living within the district, regardless of the distance from their attendance area school, will be transported to and from school at no cost. Transportation is included for children who qualify on the basis of handicap, and middle school and high school children living less than one mile, from school on streets recommended for transportation under one mile and considered the most hazardous. Middle school and high school children living less than one mile from school on streets not recommended for transportation under one mile, may be bus transported provided parents/guardian agree to pay an amount not to exceed the actual transportation cost per student for the prior year. Costs will be based upon one hundred and seventy four (174) school days in accordance with state statute.

Transportation will be provided by the state for those students attending Pattonville Schools under the Voluntary Plan.

The distance of the mile shall be measured from the door of the pupil's home to the door of the school along the most direct-traveled route.

Hazardous Routes

Transportation may be provided for students living less than on (1) mile from school if the Board of Education declares the walkway to school as hazardous. A hazardous route shall include but is not limited to, one or more of the following conditions.

I. Walkway Parallel to Road

- A. The absence of a sidewalk, or a walkway that is no less than three (3) feet from the edge of the road. This provision does not apply when the road along which students must walk: (1) is in a residential area which has little or not transient traffic; or (2) is located in a residential area and has a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.

II. Walkways Perpendicular to the Road

- A. It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition with respect to any road that a student must cross in order to walk to and from school if the crossing site is uncontrolled. Uncontrolled is defined as an intersection or other designated crossing site where there is no crossing guard, traffic enforcement officer, stop sign or other traffic control signal present during the time students walk to and from school.

III. A Student Must Cross Railroad Tracks

- A. A student must cross a railroad track where there are no crossing guards

IV. Multiple Lane Roadways

- A. A student must cross a three or four lane roadway where there are no traffic signals or crossing guard.

Students who live in an area where there is an alternate route to school will be expected to use the alternate route up to a distance not to exceed one mile.

Hazardous routes will be re-evaluated by the district whenever residential expansion and/or roadway improvements provide safer or alternate walkways to school.

Legal Refs.: §167.231, RSMo. 1999

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