

This board adopts as policy the *Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations* of the State Department of Education, 2001.

To afford more equal opportunity for public school attendance, the board will, where practical, provide transportation for the public school students within this district.

Regularly enrolled students and dually enrolled students of this district who reside one and one-half (1½) miles or more from the school of attendance, may avail themselves of the transportation services the district operates in that particular area. *The transportation services provided by this district are a privilege, not a right. Students may be prevented from availing themselves of transportation services due to disciplinary infractions.*

A day care, family day care home, or group day care facility as defined in Section 39-1102, *Idaho Code*, may substitute for the student's residence for student transportation to and from school. This district will not transport students between childcare facilities and home.

### **SAFETY BUSING**

The board may transport students living less than one and one-half (1½) miles from their attended school when, in its judgment, the age, health, or safety of the student warrants such transportation. The board acknowledges that students who reside within 1½ miles of the nearest appropriate school of attendance may encounter some hazards while walking to and from school. If the hazard(s) encountered as a pedestrian are determined to be so severe that the student is not safe, the board will seek approval from the state department of education to provide transportation for the student.

The transportation department has a measuring tool, required by the State Department of Education, to determine whether safety busing is warranted.

The district will solicit route evaluation requests from all interested patrons. Such requests will be forwarded to the transportation supervisor for assessment, utilizing the board approved measuring instrument.

The district will maintain all documentation of the evaluations of pedestrian route hazards and will make such documentation available to the state department of education, as requested.

The board may initially approve a safety busing request prior to submitting the required forms to the state department of education. All safety busing requests must be approved by the board and submitted to the state department of education by March 31 of the school year to be considered for reimbursement. A copy of the committee's assessment score must be attached to the request.

### **ESTABLISHING BUS ROUTES AND NONTRANSPORTATION ZONES**

Each year the board will establish bus routes and determine non-transportation zones not later than at the regular August meeting of the board. In approving the routing of school buses, or the maintenance and operation of all transportation equipment, or the appointment or

employment of chauffeurs, the primary requirements to be observed by this board are the safety and adequate protection of the health of the students. All changes to established bus routes must be approved by this board.

Non-transportation zones are the geographical areas of this district, as designated by the board, which are impractical by reason of scarcity of students and/or remoteness or condition of roads to be served by established bus routes.

**OPERATION OF BUSES AND VANS**

To provide transportation to students, this district may purchase or lease, and maintain and operate school buses and vans, which vans will not have a seating capacity in excess of fifteen (15) persons; enter into agreements or contracts for the use of a charter bus(es); enter into contracts with individuals, firms, corporations, or private carriers; or make payments to parents or guardians, subject to the statutory limitations, when transportation is not furnished by the district.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

*Idaho Code Sections*

33-1006

33-1501, *et seq.*

39-1102

*Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations*, Idaho State Department of Education, 2001  
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**AMENDED:**