

Regulation

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Related Entries: Policy EAD
Responsible Office: Transportation Division

SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

A. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for routing and scheduling of school buses serving students going to and from their assigned school.

B. BACKGROUND

The Supervisor of Transportation or his/her designee shall evaluate requests from parents requesting school bus route extensions for students. Those requests must meet established guidelines outlined in this regulation.

C. DEFINITIONS

A “route extension” is when a school bus is extended onto a road segment not currently served by a particular school bus for the purpose of picking up or discharging students.

D. PROCEDURES

1. Consideration will be given to the extension of an existing bus route when one or more students walk more than one mile to a bus stop.
2. Other factors that will be considered are time available to make the extension, suitability of roads for school bus operation, and availability of an appropriate turn-around area as determined by the Supervisor of Transportation or his/her designee.
3. Extension of bus routes over non-public roads leading into developments will be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. that owners of these roads be permitted to retain their rights of ownership; and
 - b. that the county extend its bus routes over these roads if requests for extensions meet with the requirements of the Transportation Division and if the owners comply with the following:
 - i. that they construct or reconstruct such roads in accordance with specifications available from the respective Director of Public Works; and
 - ii. that they guarantee to maintain such roads to the satisfaction of the respective Director of Public Works.

4. The Board recognizes the potential threat to the safety of certain children walking to and from school during hours of limited visibility due to darkness. Those school children residing within walking distances of their respective schools who attend classes which begin prior to 7:05 a.m. and end after 4:30 p.m. will be provided transportation as follows:
 - a. Early morning transportation will be provided during the months of November, December and January.
 - b. Late afternoon transportation will be provided during the months of November, December and January.
 - c. The first bus stop may be established one mile from the schools involved; and
 - d. Additional stops may be designated along specific routes at the discretion of the Supervisor of Transportation.

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