

1 The superintendent or designee shall develop school bus routes in accordance with state law and  
2 regulations. All bus routes will be kept on file in the superintendent's office, and all changes  
3 will be filed within 10 days after such change becomes effective.

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5 Students **ordinarily** will be assigned to a bus that passes within one mile of the student's  
6 residence. To the extent practicable and economically feasible, ride time should be less than 45  
7 minutes one way.

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9 Parents will be informed of students' scheduled school bus arrival times. It is the parent's  
10 responsibility to ensure that a student is present at a bus stop prior to the scheduled arrival time.

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12 **A. TRANSPORTATION TO LOCATIONS OTHER THAN HOME**

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14 Upon request, the superintendent or designee may, but is not required to, assign a student  
15 to a bus to transport the student to and/or from a location other than home if the following  
16 conditions are met.

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18 1. The student's parent or guardian submits a written, signed request that states the  
19 specific location other than home to which the student is to be transported and  
20 acknowledges that the parent or guardian and not the school system is responsible  
21 for the student's safety once the child has departed from the bus.
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23 2. The request for such transportation does not require a bus to deviate in any  
24 significant way from an established route.
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26 3. There is capacity on the bus if the request would necessitate the student's riding a  
27 different bus from the regularly assigned bus.
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29 4. The student's residence and requested bus stop are within the zone eligible for  
30 transportation service.
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32 5. The request for such transportation does not cause the school system to incur any  
33 additional cost.
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35 6. The proposed bus stop meets safety standards established by law, the  
36 Transylvania County Board of Education (the "board"), the superintendent, or the  
37 principal.

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39 Any changes in bus stops must be approved by the superintendent or designee.

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41 **B. BUS ROUTES IN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS**

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43 School buses will not be allowed to operate if there is a serious threat to the safety of  
44 students or drivers. The superintendent may develop a more limited bus route for

45 hazardous weather conditions in order to operate only on roads that are safe. To the  
46 extent possible, parents will be notified in advance of the bus route that will be used in  
47 hazardous conditions. The hazardous conditions bus route will be on file in the  
48 superintendent's office.  
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50 A student who is identified as having special needs following procedures in the North Carolina  
51 *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities* will be provided with transportation  
52 services as required by law.  
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54 Legal References: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, 20 U.S.C.  
55 1400 *et seq.*; G.S. 115C-240(d), -246; *Policies Governing Services for Children with*  
56 *Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy ~~GCS-DEXCP~~-000; State Board of Education  
57 Policies ~~TCS-HTRAN~~-000, -002, -006  
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59 Cross References:

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