

Bus Stop Location Guidelines

In developing student bus stop locations a number of factors are considered:

We route school busses in the most efficient manner consistent with State law and School Board guidelines regarding establishment of safe school bus stops. Realizing there are conflicting issues involved with school bus stop locations, the factors utilized in establishing a new stop or reviewing a current location involve:

1. Examining potential safety issues at the waiting/loading zone.
2. Student access to the bus stop.
3. Visibility at the stop location for passing motorists. There should be 500 feet visibility in either direction for other vehicles.
4. Maintaining School District policy-Section 810.
5. Maintaining State mandated distance for activation of the school bus 8-way warning lights and stop signs.
6. Because of the danger inherent in the backing of school busses, bus routes and stop location will be established to preclude the necessity of having busses back up.
7. Routes are designed to avoid bus travel into cul-de-sacs, dead ends or dirt roads.
8. Busses will not be routed into developments until the roads have been dedicated and the written dedication is received by the Transportation Department. Then a determination to enter and transverse will be made based on whether vehicles or objects hinder the safe travel through the development.
9. Recognize that school bus stops, on the district's heavily traveled roads and highways, may present a hazard for students as well as the motoring public. The Transportation Department attempts to make these stops right hand stops to prevent the students from crossing the roadway.

The Transportation Coordinator has the responsibility to develop all bus routes based on the guidelines established by the School Board of Directors. Changes will only be made following review and approval by the Transportation Coordinator via the School Board. School Bus Drivers are not permitted to change stop locations. Drivers who stop at locations other than those established by the Board are in violation of Board policy and the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code. This violation subjects the driver to department disciplinary action as well as the issuance of a citation and fine for violating the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.