

## West Bonner County School District

### NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

8110

#### Safety Busing

Safety busing is the transportation of a student who lives less than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from school when, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, the age or health and/or safety of the students warrants such action.

The Board of Trustees adopts the State Department of Education's "Rating Sheet for Walking Students" (See 8110F). The potential on the rating sheet is calculated at 132. The West Bonner County School District #83 break-off point is established at 50% or 66 total points. Therefore, the safety busing area must meet at least ½ of the potential.

The Board of Trustees will only consider requests for safety busing for students living less than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from school when one or more of the following criteria are met:

1. unsupervised crossing of a heavily traveled multi-lane roadway requiring beyond-age-level comprehension of complex traffic hazards;
2. walking along an arterial road and highway permitting fifty-mile-per-hour speeds;
3. crossing an intersection in competition with a high volume of right turning vehicles without the benefit of adult supervised crossing;
4. walking in the traffic lane of an arterial or collector street because of the absence of sidewalks or usable shoulders which are at least three (3) feet wide;
5. walking beside or over unprotected waterways;
6. walking routes which are temporarily interrupted by major road construction, building construction, or utility construction;
7. walking routes interrupted by numerous high traffic volume business driveways;
8. other unique circumstances or extraordinary factors.

The existence of any of the above criteria does not automatically qualify an area for safety busing. The Board of Trustees may also consider evaluation factors including but not limited to: traffic count, traffic gap times, posted speed, width of roadway, width of walking area, length of time student would be exposed to area of concern, age of pupils, number of pupils, and traffic control signs and markings, as well as written comments from parents, patrons, and school personnel prior to a vote on the issue. Further, the Board of Trustees shall consider the criteria set out in section 1 through 8 above.

Each year, no later than the regular board meeting in August, the Board of Trustees shall review and vote on all requests for new safety busing locations. The Superintendent or their designee is directed to review all existing safety busing locations at intervals of at least every three years.

Cross Reference: 8100                      Transportation  
                          8120                      Bus Routes, Stops and Non-Transportation Zones

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1501      Transportation Authorized

Other Reference: Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations

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