

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: My child is starting kindergarten. Will the bus pick my child up in front of the house?

A: There are no special laws or regulations for transporting regular education students enrolled in kindergarten. If your district provides transportation, it will be provided in accordance with the requirements of MCL 380.1321, Section 55 of the Pupil Transportation Act and local district policy with regard to the placement of the bus stop.

Q: I just moved. Can you start picking up and dropping off using the new address today?

A: Transportation will be assigned based on the address information supplied by parents to the school. Changes should be directed to the appropriate school office. Transportation Department must see those changes in the system before they can make any changes to the student(s) transportation plan. Any changes will take a minimum of 24 hours but additions to routes could take up to three days.

Q: Is there a law about how far my child has to walk to the bus stop?

A: No law specifies the maximum distance a student may walk to the bus stop.

Q: What about the safety of my child getting to and from the bus stop? There are no sidewalks where we live and it is not very safe walking on the busy road we live on?

A: It is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to see that a child gets safely to and from the bus stop. The school district provides transportation as a non-mandated service and establishes placement of the bus stops in accordance with the requirements of the law. State law does not require that pupil transportation be provided to regular education students. The Lakeview School District Board of Education believes that transportation is a privilege and not a right and shall be administered according to all laws and regulations of the State of Michigan.

Q: Can I choose the bus stop location for the neighborhood?

A: The transportation department will determine the appropriate location for bus stops in accordance with state law.

Q: I don't want my child to walk out of sight from my house can you put the stop closer?

A: There are no specific laws or regulations regarding the maximum distance a student may walk to a bus stop.

Q: My student is on the bus for a long time. How long can K-12 legally ride the bus daily?

A: There is no maximum riding time for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

Q: How does my child get to and from the stop?

A: It is the parent's responsibility to see that their children get to and from the school bus stop.

Q: My son/daughter is having a problem at the bus stop, what should I do?

A: Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children while waiting for the school bus. Please accompany them and monitor their behavior.

Q: School just started but the bus is packed, how soon do final adjustments happen?

A: After the fourth Friday of each school year, drivers cannot load more students than the rated seating capacity of their school bus.