

## SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

Bus routes, schedules and stops will be developed under the direction of the superintendent following procedures set by the State Board of Education. The purpose of bus scheduling and routing will be to achieve maximum service with a minimum fleet of buses and to render reasonable and equal service to all eligible students.

School bus routes will be approved by the Board no later than October for initial approval, and no later than June for the final modifications made during the school year.

Bus routes will follow the most direct roads practicable for bus travel to serve those students entitled to transportation service. Where an alternate route may be selected without sacrifice of efficiency or economy, preference will be given to that route serving the largest number of students more directly.

Routes will be designed to eliminate as many turn-around points as possible and to employ as nearly as practicable the full carrying capacity for each bus trip. No bus will be overloaded. New routes will be established only when capacity of the existing routes has been reached or is imminent.

Authorized bus stops will be located at convenient intervals for students and in places where students may board and get off, cross highways and await arrival of buses with the utmost safety permitted by highway conditions. The location of the students' residences, the age and grade of the students, the road conditions and the funds available will be considered when determining bus routes.

Students will ride their assigned buses, getting on and getting off at their regularly assigned stops, unless a note from their parent or guardian authorizes students to depart at other than their regular stop or to ride a bus other than their assigned bus. Notes will be subject to approval by the superintendent or designee. In unusual or emergency situations, parents/guardians may request to have their child picked up or dropped off at a different spot by directly communicating to the superintendent or designee.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

Adopted:

Revised:

Legal Refs: §§ 163.161, 167.251, RSMo.  
5 C.S.R. 30-261.010  
*Missouri Pupil Transportation Administrative Handbook*

*Missouri Minimum Standards for School Buses*  
*Missouri Certified Bus Driver Instructor's Manual*  
*Missouri School Bus Procedures Manual*

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