

Safety busing is the transportation of a student who lives less than one and one-half (1.50) miles from school when, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, the age, health, and/or safety of the students warrants such action.

The Board of Trustees will only consider requests for safety busing for students living less than one and one-half (1.50) miles from school when a student walking to school would entail one or more of the following:

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 (50) 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; or
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 students would be exposed to area of concern, age of students, number of students, 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 criteria set out in its measuring and scoring instrument, with a "cut off" of fifty-five (55%) of the total on the scoring element for safety busing purposes when the scoring element used indicates hazards that are "reasonable" for students to encounter during their walk to and from school.

Each year, no later than the regular Board of Trustees' meeting in August, the Board shall review and vote on all requests for new safety busing locations. The Board of Trustees may annually approve the formation of an ad hoc supplemental transportation committee for the purpose of objectively evaluating all hazardous routes less than one and one-half (1.50) miles from the students' home(s) to school, using the Board of Trustees' approved measuring instrument. The Superintendent or his or her designee is

directed to review all existing safety busing locations at intervals of no more than three (3) years.

Policy Cross Reference:

Board Policy No. 702.01	Transportation
Board Policy No. 702.15	Bus Routes, Stops and Non-Transportation Zones

Legal Reference:

Idaho Code §33-1501	Transportation Authorized
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Other Reference:

http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/transportation/annual_reporting.htm
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