

AREA: Auxiliary Services
AGENDA ITEM(S): Bus Route Procedures
CONTACT PERSON(S): David Moody, Assistant Superintendent
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I. Synopsis of Agenda Item (Overview & Purpose)

Current maximum walking distances for students is as follows:

Elementary students – three-tenths of a mile

Middle school students – three-tenths of a mile

High school students – five tenths of a mile

Add the following exceptions:

Most of the sub-divisions in Chatham County are private and do not have state maintained roads. The maximum walking distance should not apply to most sub-divisions in our county. A pick up point could be allowed in some cases.

II. Organizational Impact (Academic, Fiscal & Personnel)

It will reduce transportation costs for our district. It will also help with safety since our buses will only be traveling on state maintained roads.

III. Superintendent's Recommendation

For information only.

IV.

<p><u>Suggested Motion:</u></p>

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Exceptions: Most of the sub-divisions in Chatham County are private and do not have state maintained roads. The maximum walking distance should not apply to most sub-divisions in our county. Several counties throughout our state do not allow school buses to go into sub-divisions. A pick up point could be allowed in some cases.

Revision for Transportation web page. Routes and bus stops.

(A) State law says that 1 mile is the maximum allowable walking distance. The Chatham County Board of Education has adopted a policy of three-tenths of a mile for elementary students, three-tenths of a mile for middle, and five-tenths of a mile for high school students as the maximum walking distance to bus stops. **Exceptions: Most of the sub-divisions in Chatham County are private and do not have state maintained roads. The maximum walking distance should not apply to most sub-divisions in our county. Several counties throughout our state do not allow school buses to go into sub-divisions. A pick up point could be allowed in some cases.**

Revision for Transportation web page. School Bus Transportation – Frequently Asked Questions.

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