TRANSPORTATION **8110**

Board Policy 8110: Safety Busing

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Safety busing is the transportation of a student who lives less than 1½ miles from school when, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, the age, health, and/or safety of the student warrants such action. This includes cases where the student is transported by a vehicle other than a school bus as described in Policy 8103.

The Board will only consider requests for safety busing for students living less than 1½ 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 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 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 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 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 shall consider the criteria set out in its measuring and scoring instrument, with a an appropriate "cut off" 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, which by this reference is incorporated and attached to this policy as Form 8110-F(1).

Each year, no later than the regular Board meeting in August, the Board shall review and vote on all requests for new safety busing locations. The Board may annually approve the formation of an ad hoc supplemental transportation committee for the purpose of objectively evaluating all hazardous routes less than 1.5 miles from the student's home to school, using the Board approved measuring instrument. The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee to review all existing safety busing locations at intervals of no more than three years.

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Legal References **Description**

IC § 33-1501	Transportation Authorized
IC § 33-1506	Inspection of School Authorized Vehicles
IC § 33-1509	School Bus Drivers – Definition – Qualification – Duties
IC 33-1006	Transportation Support Program
IC 33-1504	Authorized Vehicles
IC 33-1515	Requirements for Authorized Vehicles for the Transportation of Pupils to and from School and School-Related Events

Other References	**Description**
Idaho State Department of Education	Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations
ISBA Policy Services	https://www.idsba.org/member-services/policy/

Cross References

Code	**Description**
8100	Transportation
8120	Bus Routes, Stops, and Non-Transportation Zones