Cascade School District No. 422

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS **8110**

Safety Busing

Safety busing is the transportation of a student who lives less than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from school when, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, the age or health or safety of the students warrants such action.

To be eligible to ride a school bus, a student must have legal enrollment, live outside the maximum 1 ½ miles walking distance, and conform to stated rules and regulations of bus conduct. The Board of Trustees will only consider requests for safety busing for students living less than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from school when one or more of the following criteria are met:

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-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;
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 student 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 of Trustees shall consider the criteria set out in its measuring and scoring instrument which by this reference is incorporated and attached to this policy as 8110F.

Each year, no later than the regular board meeting in August, the Board of Trustees shall review and vote on all requests for new safety busing locations. The Superintendent or their designee is directed to review all existing safety busing locations at intervals of at least every three years.

Cross Reference:	8100	Transportation
	8120	Bus Routes, Stops and Non-Transportation Zones

Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-1501	Transportation Authorized

Policy History:

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