

Business and Non-Instructional Operations
Series C-19-COVID-19 Policies and Regulations

TRANSPORTATION

3541(a)/C-19.9(a)

Temporary amendments to this policy related to the COVID-19 Pandemic have been made to this policy. All temporary revisions appear in highlighted bold italics or strikethrough text.

Walking Distance is the linear measure of a prescribed or authorized pedestrian route between the pupil's residence and his school from a point at the curb or edge of a public road or highway nearest the pupil's residence to a designated point at each school site. The "designated point" is a point on the curb in the parking lot closest to the front door of the building except for Holland Hill and Tomlinson which will be a point on the curb on the road closest to the front door of the building. "One mile walking distance" means a reasonable measurement of a route to be traversed extending from the point of measurement at least 5,280 feet.

Bus Stop is a geographical location designated by the Board of Education or a designated administrator where pupils can safely wait for the purposes of boarding or disembarking a school bus. Permanent school bus stops will not be established for regular school transportation grades K-12, which cause school buses to enter cul-de-sacs, unless this provision results in students walking greater than the established distance for their grade level. ***Bus pick up/drop off times and routes may change during the school year in connection with the COVID-19 Pandemic and changing public health conditions. The District will notify all parents and guardians in advance of such changes.***

Raised walk area or sidewalk means a portion of the landscaped right of way at least three (3) feet wide, usually parallel to the traffic lanes which, may be paved or unpaved, distinguished by some elevation above the street pavement level and marked by curbing, drainage ditch, grass area, or fencing; apart from and independent of any white line safety markings along the street pavement.

Student is a child enrolled in the Fairfield Public Schools and/or a child for whom the Board of Education is required to provide bus transportation under either Connecticut General Statutes or the terms of this policy.

School bus transportation shall be provided for students living in excess of the following walking distances from their neighborhood schools:

- elementary $\frac{3}{4}$ mile;
- middle 1 mile; and
- high 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

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Students living within the above referenced walking distances shall be provided school bus transportation if required by the applicable provision of Administrative Regulations 3541AR.

Students living within the established walking distances may be provided transportation on a space available basis in accordance with Administrative Regulations 3541AR, “Courtesy Rides.”

The Fairfield Board of Education will not provide transportation for students attending elementary or secondary non-public schools in contiguous school districts except for students whose placement in said school is for special education purposes or other requirements of state law such as vocational schools.

The Board will request that parents volunteer to transport eligible students, without reimbursement, in order to reduce the number of students transported on buses to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

Transportation Safety Advisors

This working group serves in an advisory capacity to the Board and makes recommendations to the Board of Education relative to school transportation safety.

- Legal Reference:
- Connecticut General Statutes
 - 10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education
 - 10-220 Duties of boards of education
 - 14-275 Equipment and color of school buses
 - 14-275a Use of standard school bus required, when
 - 14-275b Transportation of handicapped students
 - 14-275c Regulations re school buses and motor vehicles used to transport special education students
 - 14-276a(c) Town/school district may require its school bus operators to have completed a safety training course
 - 14-280 Letters and signals to be concealed when not used in transporting children. Signs on other vehicles

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