

 Tucson, Arizona GOVERNING BOARD POLICY	POLICY TITLE: Student Transportation in School Buses
	POLICY CODE: EEA

Tucson Unified School District buses are for the transportation of students and supervisory personnel, if needed, on established routes. However, parents, teachers and other authorized persons may be permitted to ride school buses when supervising students on scheduled field trips and excursions.

For the safety of all school bus riders and others, the good conduct of students riding school buses is expected and required. Misbehavior is promptly reported to the appropriate school principal who has the authority to suspend student school bus transportation privileges. Parents in such cases must be notified prior to suspension.

If a situation or situations arise that pose greater than normal danger on the way to and from school to ambulatory students, the transportation office may, with the authorization of the Superintendent, provide school bus transportation to these students for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days. Continuation of the service beyond sixty (60) days is subject to Board approval.

School bus transportation is provided for students as follows:

1. Students attending elementary school who live 1 1/2 miles or more from school.
2. Middle school students or sixth grade students who are assigned to a junior high school who live at least 2 1/2 miles from school with no public bus service.
3. Junior high school students who live at least 2 1/2 miles from school with no public bus service.
4. Senior high school students who live at least 2 1/2 miles from school with no public bus service.
5. In accordance with A.R.S. §15-764, handicapped children (as defined by A.R.S. §15-761) in connection with any program, class or service.

For purposes of this policy, eligibility distance is determined by using the most direct route.

A student who is granted permission to attend a school other than his designated school must provide his own transportation (Exception: See Paragraph Two, Board Policy 5090).

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ATTACHMENT 1

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED EXCEPTIONS

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>REASON</u>
BLENNMAN	NORTH OF GRANT	MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ON GRANT AND ON COUNTRY CLUB. POSSIBLE DELETION 1990-1991.
FICKETT	GOLF LINKS/SADDLEBROOK	MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ON GOLF LINKS WHERE STUDENTS WOULD CROSS TO CATCH A BUS. POSSIBLE DELETION 1990-91
	FOUR AREAS NORTH OF TANQUE VERDE	MUCH OF THESE AREAS ARE MORE THAN 2 1/2 MILES FROM SCHOOL AND MORE THAN 1 MILE FROM CITY TRANSPORTATION. THE BUSES USED TO SERVE THE ELIGIBLE AREAS WILL SERVE ALL OF THE STUDENTS WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF STOPS. A TRANSFER MAY BE NECESSARY BUT WILL BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE.

REVISED BY BOARD ON May 30, 1989

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ATTACHMENT II

**EXCEPTION TO BOARD POLICY ON WALK LIMITS FROM OLD FARM
APARTMENTS
TO WHITMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The entrance to Old Farm Apartments is 1.47 miles from the school; however, many apartments inside the complex are outside 1.5 miles. This request is based upon the actual mileage being longer than 1.5 miles.

There are no significant safety issues.

Whitmore students only walk 0.1 mile along Grant Road on sidewalks separated by safety zones. The remainder of the walk path has low traffic volume and residential areas.

Recommended walk path maps were provided to each TUSD school site in accordance with State and District requirements. All maps are updated annually.

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EXCEPTION TO BOARD POLICY EEA ON BUS STOP ADDITIONS FOR WARREN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Bus Stop Additions for Warren Elementary Students

From Warren School to Mountain Shadow Apartments at 6420 S. Camino de la Tierra the distance is .0754 miles, and to the Valencia Hills Apartments at 3350 W. Valencia Road it is .0904 miles.

To the north of the Mountain Shadow Apartments there is approximately 20-25 feet of guard-rail which guards a ditch to the west of it. This rail causes any pedestrian to walk on the roadway.

North of Mountainside Village Trailer Park at 3341 W. Gentry Road, which is immediately north of Mountain Shadow Apartments, there is not a location or building that students can use as a safe haven in case of an emergency. They would have to cross Camino de la Tierra to the east side. Camino de la Tierra's speed limit is posted at 35 MPH between Valencia Road and Bilby Road.

To avoid this, some students walk through the desert area west of Camino de la Tierra to the school zone located at Bilby Road and Gunsight Lane.

All of these constitute a safety hazard for elementary age students.

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