

Policy 8110: Safety Busing

Status: ADOPTED

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SAFETY BUSING

1. Safety busing is the transportation of a student who lives less than one and one-half (1½) miles from school when, in the judgment of the Caldwell School District Board of Trustees, the age, health, and/or safety of the students warrants such action.
2. The Board of Trustees will only consider requests for safety busing for students living less than one and one-half (1½) miles from school when a student walking to school would entail one or more of the following:
 - 2.1 Unsupervised crossing of a heavily traveled multi-lane roadway requiring beyond-age-level comprehension of complex traffic hazards;
 - 2.2 Walking along an arterial road and highway permitting fifty (50) miles per hour speeds;
 - 2.3 Crossing an intersection in competition with a high volume of right-turning vehicles without the benefit of adult supervised crossing.
 - 2.4 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;
 - 2.5 Walking beside or over unprotected waterways;
 - 2.6 Walking routes which are temporarily interrupted by major road construction, building construction, or utility construction;
 - 2.7 Walking routes interrupted by numerous high traffic volume business driveways; or
 - 2.8 Other unique circumstances or extraordinary factors.
3. 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:
 - a. traffic count,
 - b. traffic gap times,
 - c. posted speed,
 - d. width of roadway,
 - e. width of walking area,
 - f. length of time students would be exposed to an area of concern,
 - g. age of pupils,
 - h. number of pupils,
 - i. traffic control signs and markings, as well as
 - j. written comments from parents, patrons, and school personnel prior to a vote on the issue.
4. 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 one and one-half (1½) miles from the students' home to school, using the Board approved measuring instrument. The Superintendent/Designee is directed to review all existing safety busing locations at intervals of no more than three (3) years.

Supporting Documents



[Measuring-Instrument-Walking-Students Accessible](#)

Supporting Links

Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations - <https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/3NRg0GEueuTM1NplusoiArwgw==>

Idaho Code § References

33-1501

Description

Transportation Authorized - <https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/yVY0ogVUoKDZvDyLgqnArQ==>

Cross References

8100

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Description

Student Transportation -

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/OTJz07Dh1GThRoB0Zplus6quA==>

Bus Routes, Stops, Non-Transportation Zones, and Safety -

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/FVxXlIEHkplusu4vl3XCgbopg==>

MEASURING INSTRUMENT FOR WALKING STUDENTS

This is worksheet that can be used to determine safety busing areas.

School District: _____ School: _____

Location of Area Rated: _____

Date Rated: _____

Rate the following by putting a circle around the appropriate number. The higher the number, the more hazardous the walking route.												Numeric Score
Vehicular:												
1. Average hourly during school arrival & departure both afternoon.	Over 1000	1000-901	900-801	800-701	700-601	600-501	500-401	400-301	300-201	200-101	100-0	
A.M.	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
P.M.	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
2. Truck traffic during school arrival & both morning & afternoon.	Over 100		100-75		75-51		50-25		25-1		0	
A.M.	5		4		3		2		1		0	
P.M.	5		4		3		2		1		0	
3. Posted traffic speed	55 mph	50 mph	45 mph	40 mph	35 mph	30 mph	25 mph	20 mph				
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0				
Pedestrian:												
1. Number of pupils	Over 225	225-201	200-176	175-151	150-126	125-101	100-76	75-51	50-26	25-1	0	
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
2. Grade level	Elementary			Middle School/Junior High				High School				
	10			2				0				
Roadway:												
1. Width of road	Multi-lane divided highway, raised or painted median		Multi-lane (two-way) or Single-lane w/left turn lane		Two-lane Two-way No-passing		Two-lane Two-way Passing		Two-way, no street markings			
Crossing	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Exposure time walking along (in minutes)	> 30	27-30	24-27	21-24	18-21	15-18	12-15	9-12	6-9	3-6	0-3	
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
2. Shoulder or sidewalk	No shoulder or sidewalk		Narrow, unpaved shoulder, no sidewalk		Narrow, paved shoulder, no sidewalk		Wide, unpaved shoulder, no sidewalk		Wide, paved shoulder, no sidewalk		Sidewalk all way with no breaks	
"Narrow" – under 3 "Wide" – 3-8 feet											Sidewalk all way with no breaks, shoulder or utility strip	
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	-10
3. Accumulative area with no sidewalk	100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%	< 10%	
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
4. Traffic control signs markings (score as as applicable)	No school signs		No pavement markings		No traffic signals		No traffic lights – Elementary Only		No crossing guard – Elementary Only			
	2		2		2		2		2			
Environmental: (over)												

MEASURING INSTRUMENT FOR WALKING STUDENTS

Environmental: (continued)											
1. Visual obstructions (trees, shrubs, hills, curves, buildings, etc.)	Comments:										
	Accumulative Exposure - % of Walking Route										
	100% 10	90% 9	80% 8	70% 7	60% 6	50% 5	40% 4	30% 3	20% 2	10% 1	<10% 0
2. Cross traffic pupil's direction of travel (streets & driveways other than single family home)	Comments:										
	Accumulative Exposure - % of Walking Route										
	100% 10	90% 9	80% 8	70% 7	60% 6	50% 5	40% 4	30% 3	20% 2	10% 1	<10% 0
3. Special conditions (extraordinary factors, fences, open waterway, history of crime, etc.)	Comments:										
	Accumulative Exposure - % of Walking Route										
	100% 10	90% 9	80% 8	70% 7	60% 6	50% 5	40% 4	30% 3	20% 2	10% 1	<10% 0
Accident Rate:											
Accident rate (vehicle & pedestrian)	2 x Average for Facility		1.6 x Average for Facility		Average for Facility		.75 Average for Facility		.5 Average for Facility		
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	0	
TOTAL RATING:											
Contacted Agency or	Agency or Individual					Contact Person W/Phone Number					
	State Highway District										
	County Roads										
	City Streets										
	Canal Company										
	Developer										
	Property Owner										
	Other:										
Comments:											

Evaluator _____

Date Evaluated _____