

## **Sparta Area School District**

### Administrative Rule 516 - Student Transportation

#### Regulations:

Buses will pick students up at their driveways subject to these qualifications:

All students on township, county, state or federal highways will be picked up at the resident's driveway. Walking distance to a pickup point shall be no more than .2 miles. If walking distance is over .2 miles, the bus will then travel on the township, county, state or federal road to the resident's driveway.

Buses will not enter private driveways unless the driveway is over .5 miles long, and then only if the private drive is properly maintained. Buses will enter private driveways for kindergarten students if distance is over .2 miles and the drive is properly maintained.

Stops which are close together may be combined, but in no case, will students have to walk over .2 miles on a public road.

#### Bus Turnaround:

Walking distance may be greater than normal if:

1. The road is not adequately maintained.
2. An adequate turnaround is not provided. An adequate turnaround is defined as free from any and all obstacles such as farm machinery, auto, or trash. When the bus must back up, it must be able to accomplish the turnaround with only one reverse movement of the vehicle.
3. The road does not meet safety standards for school buses, with such standards to be determined by the School Board.

Buses may also enter private driveways to turn around if:

1. The turnaround in the yard is better, due to safety conditions or physical conditions at the entrance of the private driveway.
2. The turnaround is at the end of a route.

Walking distance from the bus stop to home:

1. Pupils may be expected to walk a greater distance home from a bus stop than to the pickup point.
2. Maximum walking distance home shall not exceed .3 miles for K-3 children and .5 miles for grades 4-12.

Student pick-up and drop-off will be scheduled on the principle of "first on-first off". Because in certain cases the "first on-first off" principle cannot be applied, the School Board reserves the right to make additional provisions for these students. Said provisions will be determined on an individual basis.

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**Bus Rider Rules:**

The following rules will be posted in each district bus, in student handbooks, and brought to the attention of students by the bus driver.

1. Follow directions and cooperate with the driver
2. Do not throw objects out, at, or on the bus: Keep all body parts inside the bus
3. When the bus is in motion, remain seated facing forward at all times: Driver may assign seats
4. Respect the school bus and personal property: Report damage to the bus driver
5. Use appropriate and respectful language: No bullying or teasing
6. Discard trash in provided container as student(s) are exiting the bus