

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Transportation of Students

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Board of Education Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the Board of Education to establish and enforce the rules and regulations governing the means by which students reach and leave their assigned schools. Board of Education policy will be used to establish bus stops and walking routes for public and non-public schools within the Town of Vernon. It is recognized that the Vernon Board of Education and the Town of Vernon will not be able to determine all of the specific parameters of safety and hazards as outlined in this policy for each area in town and compare them to the guidelines contained herein prior to bus route scheduling. If specific areas are questioned by citizens re: safety, distances and/or hazards, the Vernon Board of Education will make every reasonable effort to ascertain the specific safety, hazard or walking problem with reference to the specific section of the Transportation Policy. If dangerous situations are recognized in reference to bus routes, bus stops, walking routes, such situations will be modified in accordance with the Transportation Policy as contained herein.

The Board of Education may grant an exception to any provision of this guideline wherein a peculiar condition or combination of conditions renders such condition(s) a hazard based upon reasonable judgment. The Board is aware that the health and physical powers of the pupil, the terrain to be traversed, physical security and environmental hazards, the opening and closing of school hours with reference to daylight available during walking time, and the statutes pertaining to children eligible for special education services will at times necessitate exceptions to be made relative to the policy relating to walking distances.