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Definitions

1. **"School transportation"** means the procedure, program, or fully effective and implemented plan by which a pupil is conveyed to and/or from school from his/her residence or the bus stop at public expense, whether by use of publicly owned equipment or by contract. Such transportation shall be over public roads approved by the municipality.
2. **"Walking distance"** means the linear measure of a prescribed or authorized pedestrian route between the pupil's residence and his/her school or bus stop. Walking distance shall be measured from the closest point to the school or bus stop from the child's home where the public street or public sidewalk meets the residential driveway or the residential walkway at the child's home to the nearest allowable entrance of the school grounds or to a bus stop. Measurements of contested walking distances shall be made by trundle wheel by the pupil transportation department. The maximum walking distances from home to school or to a prescribed point of embarkation (bus stop) are as follows:
 1. pupils enrolled in grades K through 5, one mile
 2. pupils enrolled in grades 6 through 8, one and one-half miles
 3. pupils enrolled in grades 9 through 12, two miles
 4. kindergarten pupils at mid-day, both a.m. session dismissal and p.m. session pick-up, one-half mile limit
3. **"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, but not more than 5,380 feet.
4. **"Grade K"** means Kindergarten, or a school program appropriate to a beginning pupil.
5. **"Hazard"** means a thing or condition, as prescribed in these guidelines, affecting the safety of pupils walking to and from school, or a designated bus stop; a possible source of peril, danger, duress or difficulty (cf., Webster)

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6. **"Sidewalk"** means a portion of the landscaped right of way, usually parallel to the traffic lanes, which is paved; walkway means a public right of way, planned future sidewalk area, or any path designated as a walking route by the Board of Education for pupils to get to a bus stop or school, or area along the side of a road delineated by a white or yellow line.
7. **"Pupil"** means any individual of school age residing in Vernon enrolled in a public or nonprofit private school or enrolled in a vocational technical school or special education program.