POLICY 3420

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Transportation Services

Student Transportation – Bus Routes and Bus Stops

I. Policy Statement

A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes its responsibility to provide transportation services for eligible students by establishing bus routes and locations for school bus stops.

B. The Board shall be guided by safety, efficiency, adequacy, consistency and economy in providing student transportation services, including the manner in which bus routes and bus stops are established.

II. Definitions

A. Bus Route – A set of scheduled bus stops and planned roadways traveled by a school bus as developed by the Office of Transportation.

B. Parent – A natural parent, legal guardian or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of the parent or guardian.

C. School Bus Stop – A designated location where students embark and exit from a school bus.

III. Standards

A. The Office of Transportation will establish bus routes and designated school bus stops for students to utilize when providing transportation services to and from school. The primary consideration in establishing bus routes and school bus stops is the safety of students and other motorists.

B. The Office of Transportation will evaluate student needs for school bus service and establish and adjust bus routes and bus stops as necessary.

C. The supervision of students while walking to, from or waiting at the school bus stop is the responsibility of the student’s parent.

D. If a student is not eligible for transportation services, it is the responsibility of the student’s parent to determine their child’s walking route to and from school.
E. The supervision of non-transported students to and from school is the responsibility of the student’s parent.

IV. Implementation

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq., Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
42 U.S.C. §§ 11431, et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (as amended by ESSA)
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §§ 7-801, et seq., Transportation
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article § 8-410, Transportation for Children with Disabilities
COMAR 13A.06.07, Student Transportation

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 3410, Transportation Services
Board of Education Policy 5140, Assignment and/or Special Permission Transfer
Board of Education Policy 5500, Code of Student Conduct
Board of Education Policy 5550, Student Behavior Code
Board of Education Policy 6400, Magnet Programs

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