



POLICY No. 4

SUBJECT: HAZARD TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY

Parents or Guardians have the primary responsibility for the safe arrival of their children to and from School. It is recognized that extraordinary circumstances related to safety hazards may warrant an exception to the Bus Eligible Distance for the determination of transportation service eligibility.

HPSTS uses the following criteria to make a decision on a route to School. Each item in and by itself does not warrant such a designation, but a combination of several factors may result in the HPSTS determining that a route is “unusually hazardous.”

- a. Volume of Traffic - HPSTS takes the volume of traffic into consideration for students that have to cross streets or roads through discussion with the appropriate policing agency.
- b. Posted Speed Limits - HPSTS takes into consideration the posted speed limits of a street or road. A safety consideration is given to roads that have speed limits above 70 kph.
- c. Sidewalks - A lack of sidewalks is not a consideration for School Bus transportation in and by itself. Many of the communities HPSTS serves, either by choice or by design, do not have sidewalks. The combination of lack of sidewalks and other factors such as higher posted speeds and volume of traffic may provide safety consideration for the route.
- d. Physical Barriers - HPSTS takes into consideration physical barriers such as construction, bridges without sidewalks or railings, unguarded railroad crossings or unprotected waterways that may provide safety considerations for the route.

HPSTS will use the above criteria found in Procedure H-1 to determine if a route is safe for students in cases where a new School is opened, a School’s attendance boundaries have changed, the area is under construction, or construction of the area has taken place requiring students to take a different route to School.

Hazard transportation is reviewed annually and as required.

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