

Frequently Asked Questions: McGuffey Transportation Issues



- Q. When a school district provides transportation, who is responsible?**
- A. The school board is responsible for all aspects of pupil transportation programs. The school board may ask their solicitor to interpret educational laws or regulations
- Q. How long may a child be required to ride a bus?**
- A. There are no time limits set by law or regulations
- Q. How far may a child be asked to walk to a school bus stop?**
- A. The law allows a child, regardless of age, to walk up to a mile and a half to a bus stop. The mile and a half is measured by public roads and does not include any private lane or walkway of the child's residence.
- Q. May a district suspend busing services for a child?**
- A. Yes. Transportation is a privilege, not a right.
- Q. When does a school district have to provide transportation to a nonpublic school?**
- A. When a school district provides transportation for its public pupils, it must provide transportation services to nonpublic pupils of the same grade level that it provides for its own pupils. The nonpublic school must be located within ten miles of the district's boundary, measured by the nearest public highway. If the school building in which the pupil is enrolled is not located within the ten-mile distance, the nonpublic pupil is not eligible for transportation by McGuffey School District, nor is his parent's eligible for payment towards transportation costs.

Q. May a school district ask a child going to a nonpublic elementary school to ride on a vehicle with public high school students?

A. Yes.

Q. Why can't the bus stop at my house?

A. Bus stops are centrally located for all students. In most cases, we try to use intersections which are easy to locate and where motorists are more alert to pedestrians. The district attempts to keep the number of stops minimized thus keeping the buses moving and reducing ride times. Stopping at every driveway inconveniences the motoring public causing them to become impatient trying to get around the bus and compromising safety and adds a considerable amount of time to the bus run.

Q. Who handles discipline on the bus?

A. The driver is the authority figure responsible for enforcing the transportation rules. More serious issues are addressed at the school by the building principals. Misconduct forms may be submitted to the school by drivers. These violations may result in a warning, reprimand, and/or suspension of riding privileges.

Q. What should I do if I move during the school year?

A. Notify the school of your change of address and let our department know 7-10 days ahead of your move so that we may get your child assigned to a bus stop. If you move outside the attendance area, notify the guidance office where your child is enrolled.

Q. Can my child ride home on another bus?

A. We discourage this from happening. Requests, if absolutely necessary, should be for childcare needs only. Students changing buses cause disturbances in seat assignments and can cause over-crowding issues.