

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Manual

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.0004 BUS ROUTES

- (a) Superintendents shall plan bus routes in a way designed to conserve fuel and to use buses efficiently.
- (b) A route may not deviate from a general path of direction for a distance of less than one-half mile and then return to the original path except for groups of 10 or more pupils, unescorted pupils in grades K-3 or special education pupils.
- (c) Unless safety factors require otherwise, superintendents may not plan bus stops closer together than 0.2 miles. Each student must be at the designated stop at the time of the bus's arrival.
- (d) Except in an emergency, regular and substitute drivers will transfer a bus at the school.
- (e) Drivers shall park buses at night and on weekends in locations which lessen opportunities for persons to steal fuel and commit vandalism.
- (f) Service personnel shall maintain buses to ensure greatest fuel economy.
- (g) Each LEA will establish the time required for each bus route and certify this time. The LEA will use this certified time to contract with the driver for each route operated. The LEA will determine the hourly rate of pay by a salary schedule adopted by the SBE.