



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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751 Rule

Bus Routing Guidelines

A. Bus Routing and Scheduling

River Valley school buses, whether owned by the district or private contractors, shall not travel into privately owned driveways, roads or dead-end roads to pick up students on regular bus routes unless such areas have been defined by the transportation supervisor as turnarounds. This action has been taken for the following reasons:

- a. In many cases the driveways are in poor condition.
- b. Some driveways are excessive in length and require additional time on the routes.
- c. The district has many farm areas in which roads are accessible; however, the number precludes the possibility of traveling into each one due to additional mileage and time on the bus routes.
- d. Buses will travel on township and county roads only. Parents/guardians shall be expected to bring or transport students to the township or county roads.

If there is no parent/responsible person present at the bus stop to greet the student who is kindergarten age or younger, the student will not be allowed to exit the bus.

The bus driver will then notify the bus company that he/she is keeping the student on the bus and will continue on with the bus route. In the meantime, the bus company will try to contact the parent by phone. If the parent cannot be contacted by phone, the emergency contact person listed for the student will be contacted by phone. Arrangements will be made during this phone conversation as to where the parent/emergency contact person can safely receive the student. The meeting point might be:

- the school; OR
- the bus company (located on Hwy. 23 in Spring Green); OR
- another location determined during the phone conversation.

Students may be dropped off at a child care provider if the provider is on an established route and if it doesn't overload a bus.

B. Transportation to Accommodate Child Care Needs

Recognizing the growing need for child care providers outside the home, the River Valley Board of Education shall accommodate transportation needs under the following conditions:

1. All adjustments shall be based on space available according to the best estimate of the busing contractor so student safety is not compromised.
2. The location of the child care provider must be on an existing route and may not cause any variation of the route or additional mileage.
3. The child must plan to ride the bus on a regular basis for a full semester or the full year.
4. If the pick up and drop off points are different, the parent needs to notify the school.

Families abusing the conditions of approved adjustments shall forfeit the privilege for the rest of the semester.

LEGAL REF.: Section 121.56 Wisconsin Statutes

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy #423 Public School Open Enrollment
Policy #751 Student Transportation Services
Policy #751.3 – Bus Rules and Regulations

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