

The superintendent or designee will develop school bus routes in accordance with state law and regulations. All bus routes will be on file in the superintendent's office and all changes will be filed within 10 days after such change becomes effective.

Students will be assigned to a bus that passes within one mile of the student's residence. To the extent practicable and economically feasible, ride time should be less than 45 minutes one way.

Parents will be informed of students' scheduled school bus arrival times. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that a student is present at a bus stop prior to the scheduled arrival time.

**A. TRANSPORTATION TO LOCATIONS OTHER THAN HOME**

Upon request, the principal or other designated official may, but is not required to, assign a student to a bus to transport the student to and/or from a location other than home if the following conditions are met:

1. A written request signed by the parent or legal guardian must state the specific location other than home to which the student is to be transported and must acknowledge that the parent and not the school district is responsible for the student's safety once the child has departed from the bus.
2. The request for such transportation can not require a bus to deviate in any significant way from an established route.
3. There must be capacity on the bus, if the request would necessitate the student riding a different bus from the regularly assigned bus.
4. The student's residence and requested bus stop must be within the zone eligible for transportation service.
5. The request for such transportation may not cause the school district to incur any additional cost.
6. The proposed bus stop must meet any safety standards established by law, the board, superintendent or principal.

Any changes in bus stops must be approved by the superintendent or designee.

**B. BUS ROUTES IN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS**

School buses will not be allowed to operate if there is a serious threat to the safety of students or drivers. The superintendent may develop a more limited bus route for hazardous weather conditions in order to operate only on roads that are safe. To the extent possible, parents will be notified in advance of the bus route that will be used in hazardous conditions. The hazardous conditions bus route will be on file in the superintendent's office.

A student who is identified as having special needs following procedures in the North Carolina *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities* will be provided with transportation services as required by law.

(See limited bus schedule following.)

Legal References: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*; G.S. 115C-240(d), -246; 16 N.C.A.C. 6B .0111; *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy EXCP-000; State Board of Education Policies TRAN-000, -002

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## Limited Bus Routes Due to Inclement Weather

There are times when we have had inclement weather (snow, ice, sleet, etc.) and the roads in our school district are clear except for a few of the side roads or side streets. Because it is better for students not to interrupt their schedules if possible, we have designed a plan of limited bus routes which will allow bus transportation for most students.

When there is an announcement about school closings or delays, please pay close attention to that announcement. If part of that announcement says that school buses will run “**Limited Bus Routes**,” those buses will not travel some or all of the following streets/roads but will make the stops that are described next to them:

**Timberbrook Lane:** Stops will be at the intersections of Timberbrook/Poplar Springs and/or Timberbrook/Country Club;

**Lower Section of Poplar Springs Road:** Stops will be at Watson’s Metals;

**Forest Lane:** Stops will be at the intersection of Forest/Poplar Springs;

**Thurman Eldridge Road:** Stops will be at the intersection of Thurman Eldridge/Klondike;

**Calloway Street:** Stops will be at the intersection of Calloway/Adams Ridge;

**North Street:** Stops will be at the intersection of North/Adams Ridge;

**Collins Street:** Stops will be on North Bridge Street at Kentucky Fried Chicken;

**Inside Johnson’s Trailer Park:** Stops will be at the intersections of the driveways/Old Quarry Road;

**Benge Road:** Stops will be at the intersection of Benge/Carter Mill;

**Grassy Creek Drive:** Stops will be at the intersection of Grassy Creek/North Bridge;

**Northwood Drive:** Stops will be at the intersection of Northwood/Oakland;

**Lyles Street:** Stops will be the intersection of Lyles/North Bridge;

**Colonial Village Apartments and West Highland Avenue:** Stops will be on North Bridge Street at Rumble’s Furniture;

**Edgewood Drive:** Stops will be at the intersection of Edgewood/West Main.

So that you can know just which of these streets **will not** be traveled, you may call the Elkin City Schools Information Mailbox (835-3135, ext. 500) between 4:45 PM and 8:00 AM. If you want your children to ride the school bus on these days and if their stops are on the streets/roads named in the Information Mailbox, please be prepared to take them to the appropriate stops in the mornings and pick them up there in the afternoons.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter. If you have any questions about this plan, please feel free to call the assistant principal at Elkin Elementary School (835-2756).