

Lathrop R-II Transportation Guidelines

Board Policies EEA and EEAB refer to Student Transportation Services and School Bus Scheduling and Routing. Both of these policies are based upon the Missouri State Laws (§§ 162.670-.995, 163.161, 167.231-.251). Following are points made in these policies.

- (EEA) Resident students living three and one-half miles or more from school will be entitled to free transportation to and from school. The Board of Education may also provide transportation to resident students who live less than three and one-half miles from school.
- (EEAB) Routes will be designed to eliminate as many turn-around points as possible and to employ as nearly as practicable the full carrying capacity for each bus trip. No bus will be overloaded. New routes will be established only when capacity of the existing routes has been reached or is imminent.
- (EEAB) Authorized bus stops will be located at convenient intervals for students and in places where student may board and get off, cross highways and await arrival of buses with the utmost safety permitted by highway conditions. The location of students' residences, the age and grade of the students, the road conditions and the funds available will be considered when determining bus routes.

Following are guidelines for providing transportation to Lathrop R-II students.

- 1) Transportation will be provided to students living 1 mile or more from their respective educational facility (calculated by measuring the distance door to door), unless one of the exceptions listed below applies.
- 2) A school bus will not be routed down a dead-end, cul-de-sac, or roadway which requires a child to walk less than ½ mile to the bus stop. This does not mean a student must walk this distance; it will be determined as routes are established.
- 3) Exceptions to the one mile transportation:
 - a. Elementary – Parents of a primary aged student (graded K-3) may request transportation from an already established stop, if a sibling of fifth grade or above is not available to walk with the student.
 - b. Elementary (K-5) – If space is available, and the child is willing to walk to an established bus stop, parents may request the child to ride. However, if the bus becomes overloaded, those students will need to resume walking to their respective schools.
 - c. High School – due to the danger of crossing Hwy 116 & Hwy A, a couple of pick-up points will be designated yearly so students may ride a bus from that point to the high school.