

Amend Policy 4:110 re: Transportation Services to Daycare Facilities within the Walk-Zone

Current language

If a student is at a location within the District, other than his or her residence, for child care purposes at the time for transportation to and/or from school, that location may be considered for purposes of determining the 1½ miles from the school attended. Unless the Superintendent or designee establishes new routes, pick-up and drop-off locations for students in day care must be along the District's regular routes. The District will not discriminate among types of locations where day care is provided, which may include the premises of licensed providers, relatives' homes, or neighbors' homes

Suggested Language

If a student is at a location within the District, other than his or her residence, for child care purposes at the time for transportation to and/or from school, that location may be considered for purposes of determining the 1½ miles from the school attended. When a licensed, commercial daycare facility services a minimum of 12 children within the 1.5-mile walk-zone and there is available room on the school bus, the Superintendent may authorize transportation to and from the daycare facility, provided that adequate staffing and resources are available to ensure the safe operation of such services.

Criteria for Transportation Services

1. Daycare Facility Requirements:

- The daycare facility must service a minimum of 12 children.
- The facility must be within the 1.5-mile walk-zone of the school district.
- The facility must comply with all state and local regulations regarding childcare services and be a licensed business by the City of Oregon.

2. Transportation Availability:

- There must be available room on the bus route to accommodate additional students without negatively impacting existing transportation services.
- The addition of the daycare facility to the bus route must not significantly alter the route schedule or timing.

3. Staffing and Resources:

- Adequate staffing must be available to supervise and ensure the safety of students during transportation.
- The school district must have the necessary resources to support the additional transportation services.

Procedures

1. Request for Transportation:

- The daycare facility or parents must submit a formal request for transportation services to the Superintendent's office.
 - The request must include the number of children requiring transportation, the location of the daycare facility, and any other relevant details.
- 2. Evaluation of Request:**
- The Superintendent will evaluate the request based on the criteria outlined in this policy.
 - The Superintendent will consider the availability of bus space, the impact on existing routes, and staffing requirements.
- 3. Approval and Implementation:**
- Upon approval, the Superintendent will coordinate with the transportation department to implement the new bus route.
 - Parents and the daycare facility will be notified of the transportation schedule and any relevant guidelines or procedures.

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to outline the conditions under which the school district may provide transportation services to and from daycare facilities that fall within the 1.5-mile walk-zone where standard transportation services are not typically available. This policy aims to support families by facilitating convenient and safe transportation for students who attend licensed, commercial daycare facilities within this zone.