

SAFE TRAVEL POLICY WALKERS AND RIDERS

The School Committee promotes safe traveling routes for all its public school students, deploying traffic supervisors, as needed, at certain streets/intersection, and/or by providing bus service. When safe to do so the Arlington Public Schools encourages walkers because fewer vehicles promotes more safety.

When there is a compelling concern for the safety of children traveling to and from school, the Building Principal shall contact the Safety Officer; an advisory committee of parents and staff may be organized (if appropriate) to address any safety issue(s). All recommendations will be made to the Superintendent.

If appropriate, the Superintendent, with input from the Community Safety Department, will then formulate a plan for consideration and possible vote of the School Committee.

As designated by the School Committee students in grades K through 6 are eligible for transportation to and from school if they live more than two (2) miles from their assigned school.

A student who meets any of the following criteria shall qualify for transportation used in traveling between school and home:

1. Special needs students whose disabilities necessitate transportation between school and home and who are not transported in school department vehicles.
2. The School system will extend the same transportation privilege to private school students who reside and attend school within the town of Arlington and who qualify under the criteria set forth above. ~~Exception to the above provisions is made under terms of the School Committee's policy on open enrollment. (See policy JECC)~~

It is the intent of this policy that all Arlington Public School children will have safe access to their schools and that parents and staff will have input into planning consistent with system-wide practices.

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