ESTABLISHMENT OF BUS STOPS

The Board of Education (the Board) of the Bethlehem Central School District (the District) recognizes the need for safety and accountability for bus drivers to pick up children at assigned bus stops. Bus stops are assigned to children based on the proximity of their neighborhood of residence to a central area for meeting the school bus. Furthermore, it is the expectation that school bus drivers will stay on schedule and not create any changes to routes without the approval of the director of Transportation or his/her designee.

The purpose of this policy is to state the District’s official walking distance to assigned bus stops for the appropriate educational level:

1. Grade K-5 is up to 1/10 of a mile from home to the bus stop.
2. Grades 6-8 is up to 1/2 of a mile from home to the bus stop.
3. Grades 9-12 is up to one mile from home to the bus stop.
4. Any exceptions to the above guidelines will be at the discretion of the director of Transportation.

Parent(s) and/or guardian(s) are responsible for the safety of their children to and from the bus stop. Buses will not stop for pick up or drop off except at the assigned stop. No accommodations will be made for passengers requesting a drop off at a house on the route.

Any bus driver who arbitrarily stops anywhere other than the assigned bus stop, on their own and without the approval of the director of Transportation or his/her designees, will be subject to disciplinary actions and possible suspension from work.

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