

DISCRETIONARY STOPS BY SCHOOL VEHICLES

The school district is required to provide a certain level of transportation service to its resident students. The board has complete discretion to provide additional transportation service to its resident and nonresident students.

No bus shall leave the public highway to receive or discharge students unless their safety is ensured or the private road is maintained in the same manner as the public highway.

A bus shall not stop to load or unload students unless the driver has an unobstructed view of a least 300 feet in each direction, except to the extent that visibility is reduced by fog, snow, or other weather conditions. In such circumstances, the driver is expected to use his/her best judgment to ensure the safety of the children at the bus.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to determine whether a school vehicle will make a discretionary stop. In making this decision, the superintendent shall consider the safety of the students, the size of the school buses, the length of the route, the cost to the school district, and other factors deemed relevant by the superintendent.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 285.10 (2013).  
281 I.A.C. 43.10.

Cross Reference: 711 Transportation

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