



## The SC Department of Education (SCDE) Regulates School Bus Transportation

A local school system can give service only within the limits of the resources made available by State government. (Absenteeism, discipline problems, breakdowns, inclement weather, etc. may result in second trips and routing disruptions.)

# Keeping Our Children Safe

**Bus Routes** – *SDE Regulation F*: A **regular route pattern** is usually established by traveling along main roadways and centralized streets within a community or area.



### Depth of Service

School buses shall not leave the regular route pattern to travel along roadways unless the student's legal residence is greater than 3/10 of a mile off the regular route pattern.

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### School Bus Stops

School bus stops on each route shall not be closer than 2/10 of a mile at safe points. Stops shall have a clear visibility of 600 feet in each direction. Bus stops should never be placed on blind curves, steep grades or near the crest of hills.

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### Bus Stop Supervision

Parents/Guardians are required to be present at bus stops for Pre-kindergarten through second grade students. They are also responsible for the conduct of their children going to and from, and while waiting at the bus stop. Buses come to a full stop 12-15 feet from waiting students.

(SC State Law)



### Bus Stop Arrival Time

Buses can break down, resulting in irregular bus arrivals. This cannot be controlled by school district staff. Riders are instructed to be at their stop 5-10 minutes before the regular arrival time of their school bus.



### Progressive Bus Discipline

School buses are classrooms in motion in traffic. Riding the bus is a privilege and not a right. Correct behavior is the responsibility of the student, not the driver. Students will be held responsible for obeying **all Student Transportation Regulations and School District Code of Conduct.**



### Progressive Bus Discipline

Parents/citizens must never interfere with the operation of, nor board a school bus or in any way threaten the driver or students. Staff makes all final decisions, not drivers.

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