

Due to the significant financial challenges facing the school district, it has become necessary to make reductions in some services the district provides. One of the services included in this budget reduction is the elimination of transportation for students for whom the district does not receive funding support from the state for transportation services. In general, these are students who live within two miles of their assigned school.

“Texas Education Code 42.155 provides for basic transportation allotment for students who reside two or more miles from the student’s campus of regular attendance, measured along the shortest route that may be traveled on public roads, and who is not classified as a student eligible for special education services.”

Information about pupil transportation can be found at the following link at The Texas Education Agency’s website.
<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/school.finance/transportation/handbook09.pdf>

Therefore transportation is available for children who live two miles or more from their assigned school. A student’s transportation stop is determined only by 1) the student’s permanent home address or 2) grandparent’s address or 3) a state-recognized child care facility. To be eligible your child must use only their stop as defined above.

Students residing within two miles of their assigned school may have transportation services provided if they meet any of these conditions: 1) they must cross or walk along a hazardous roadway as defined in the district’s hazardous declaration or 2) if the student is receiving special education services and transportation is required.

“The Board of Trustees of Cypress – Fairbanks Independent School District has defined hazardous traffic conditions as areas where no safe walk path is provided and student must walk along or cross a freeway or expressway, an underpass, an overpass or bridge, a major traffic artery or other comparable condition the district has identified as hazardous.”

The entire hazardous declaration can be found at

[View the entire hazardous declaration](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) Q Why did I not receive notification regarding the discontinuance of transportation service sooner?
- A As soon as was practicable following the adoption of the 2009-2010 budget, the district began the process of determining

which locations would be determined as ineligible to receive transportation services. This change in student service is a very complex and important issue to families, so it was essential for the transportation department to provide accurate information.

- 2) Q Where did the idea of a two-mile limit originate?
- A The limit has been established by the Texas Education Agency for many years.
- 3) Q Why will some students living less than two miles from their school receive service?
- A Exceptions to the two-mile limit are provided for locations subject to hazardous roadway conditions or if the student receives special education services which require transportation.
- 4) Q For the child-care facility that my child attends to be eligible for transportation service, does it have to be state recognized?
- A Yes.
- 5) Q My child's child-care facility is less than two miles from my child's school. Will it continue to receive transportation service?
- A No, unless the child-care facility is located such that it is subject to the hazardous roadway condition explained above.
- 6) Q Can my child ride the bus from my friend's house which does receive transportation service?
- A No, a student's bus stop is defined by one of three criteria stated above.
- 7) Q Can the district provide a list of eligible child-care facilities eligible for transportation?
- A Yes, [see attached list](#).

- 8) Q I don't agree that it is non-hazardous for my child to walk to school. What can I do to get the district to re-consider the eligibility for my address and when will they make a change?
- A For inquires regarding this issue please call the Transportation center Helpline at 281-955-4010
- 9) Q The bus drives down my street on its route but my child is ineligible to ride the bus. Can't the bus just stop for my child since it drives down my street?
- A Our buses travel down many streets by-passing ineligible riders. Picking up these students would create overloads on our buses requiring more bus drivers adding to the expense to the district.
- 10) Q Can I pay to allow my child to ride the bus?
- A No, that is not an available option.
- 11) Q Will children be walking home even in bad weather?
- A Transportation eligibility will not change on inclement weather days.
- 12) Q Can parents carpool and how do they advise the school?
- A Yes. Please contact your school regarding this.
- 13) Q Can my child ride their bike to school?
- A Yes.
- 14) Q Will there be any after-school care facilities at the schools now that school buses aren't provided for all students?
- A Yes, but none other than normally offered at the school.