

281—43.1(285) Intra-area education agency routes.

43.1(1) Bus routes within the boundaries of transporting districts as well as within designated areas will be as efficient and economical as possible under existing conditions.

43.1(2) The riding time, under normal conditions, from the designated stop to the attendance center, or on the return trip, will not exceed 75 minutes for high school pupils or 60 minutes for elementary pupils. A school district may extend the riding time limits up to 15 minutes subsequent to a public hearing. (These limits may be waived upon request of the parents.)

43.1(3) Pupils whose residence is within two miles of an established stop on a bus route are within the area served by the bus and are not eligible for parent or private transportation at public expense to the school served by the bus, except as follows:

a. Bus is fully loaded.

b. Physical disability makes bus transportation impractical.

All parents or guardians who are required by their school district to furnish transportation for their children up to two miles to an established stop on a bus route shall be reimbursed pursuant to Iowa Code section 285.1(4).

43.1(4) Transporting districts are to arrange routes to provide the greatest possible convenience to the pupils. The distance for pupils who are required to travel to meet the bus is to be kept to the minimum consistent with road conditions, uniform standards, and legal provisions for locating bus routes.

43.1(5) Each bus route will be reviewed annually by local transportation staff for safety hazards, and a record of the annual review maintained.

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