

### **School Bus Scheduling and Routing**

Bus routes, schedules, and stops will be developed under the direction of the superintendent and shall be communicated to parents whose children use the transportation system. The purpose of bus scheduling and routing will be to achieve maximum service with a minimum fleet of buses consistent with rendering reasonable equal service to all students.

Bus routes will follow the most direct roads practicable for bus travel to serve those students entitled to transportation service. Where an alternate route may be selected without sacrifice of efficiency or economy, preference will be given to that route serving the largest number of students more directly.

Routes will be designed to eliminate as many turn around points as possible, and to employ as nearly as practicable the full carrying capacity for each bus trip. No bus will be overloaded. New routes will be established only when full capacity of the trips on existing routes has been reached or is imminent.

All elementary students who live over one-half mile from their boundaried school and secondary students who live over one mile from their boundaried school are eligible for transportation. Home to school distances will be determined by routing software that the Bismarck Public Schools uses. Additional consideration may be given for schools in developing neighborhoods which lack infrastructure for safe routes to schools until such infrastructure develops.

BPS may require ridership cards to assist in locating students and monitoring capacity of routes.