

## BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

**Bus Stops P 4-64****Bus Stops**

Bus stops shall be located in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Bus stops shall be designed to pick up groups of students whenever possible.
2. Bus stops will be located at points of maximum safety.
3. Traffic and traffic patterns shall be considerations in the designation of a bus stop.
4. Students in grades K-5 shall not be expected to walk more than one-half mile to school or to a bus stop. Students in grades 6-12 shall not be expected to walk more than one and one-half miles to school or to a bus stop. Due to certain hazardous situations, transportation may be provided for some students who live closer to school than the limitations stated above.
5. Such other elements as would be in accordance with the objectives of the transportation system and the State Board of Education regulations.

**Legal Reference:**

**Code of Va. § 46.2-918. School buses to be routed so as to avoid necessity of pupils' crossing divided highways.** "All school buses transporting pupils to and from all public, private, or religious schools or in connection with such schools, operating on any highway in the Commonwealth which has two or more roadways separated by a physical barrier or barriers or an unpaved area, or which have five or more lanes the center lane of which is a flush median marked for use by turning traffic only, shall be routed so that no pupil shall be picked up or discharged at any point which will require any pupil to cross such highway as described in this section, in order for such pupil to reach such bus or to return to his residence. Any violation of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor. "

(Code 1950, § 46-216; 1950, p. 84; 1958, c. 541, §§ 46.1-169.2, 46.1-199; 1964, c. 15; 1966, c. 699; 1972, c. 86; 1974, c. 365; 1976, c. 24; 1981, c. 395; 1984, c. 539; 1985, cc. 209, 250, 462; 1989, cc. 712, 727; 2005, c. 928.)

**Code of Va. § 46.2-871. Maximum speed limit for school buses.** "The maximum speed limit for school buses shall be 45 miles per hour or the minimum speed allowable, whichever is greater, on any highway where the maximum speed limit is 55 miles per hour or less, and 55 miles per hour on all interstate highways and on other highways where the maximum speed limit is more than 55 miles per hour. "

(Code 1950, § 46-212; 1950, p. 881; 1952, c. 666; 1954, c. 244; 1956, c. 364; 1958, c. 541, § 46.1-193; 1960, c. 153; 1962, c. 307; 1964, cc. 118, 408; 1966, c. 85; 1968, c. 641; 1972, cc. 89, 546, 553, 608; 1974, c. 528; 1977, c. 577; 1978, c. 605; 1980, c. 347; 1989, c. 727; 1993, c. 278; 1994, c. 676; 1999, c. 166; 2006, c. 416.)

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