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I. Designation of Bus Routes - After considering the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Board, shall designate the route to be traveled regularly by each school bus and each such route shall meet the following requirements:

A. The route shall be planned and adjusted to the capacity of the bus and insofar as practicable, the normal capacity of each bus shall be used, without standees, to serve students whose homes are beyond a reasonable walking distance from the school center to which they are assigned, except as otherwise provided by Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules.

B. Any route served by a school bus designated by the School Board shall be restricted to those areas where road conditions, the capacity of bridges and the number of students to be served make such service economically feasible and practicable.

C. A route shall not be extended for the purpose of accommodating students whose homes are within a reasonable walking distance by a shorter or more economical route which is available to serve the students.

D. School bus routes shall be restricted to main routes and to all-weather roads, to areas where the number of students to be served make the service practicable and economically feasible, and to require the minimum time within the desired limits for any student in travel time to and from school. An all-weather road is defined as follows:

1. A road which is free from safety hazards and passable under all weather conditions.

2. A road of sufficient width so that tree limbs, bushes and similar hazards will not exist.

3. There shall be at least a twelve (12) foot clearance overhead from ground level.

4. The road shall be free of obstructions and shall have no bridge which is inadequate to support the capacity of the bus when loaded.

E. On any route where it is necessary for the bus to turnaround, a suitable turning area shall be available.
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F. Only one (1) bus shall be assigned students on any given route unless the school schedules make a dual assignment of buses necessary.

G. Student loading and unloading stops shall not be established less than two tenths of a mile (1,056 feet) apart, except when the safety and welfare of the students may be involved.

II. Spur Routes – A spur route from the main trunk route shall be considered only when the following conditions are present:

A. The spur route shall be in excess of five tenth (.5) of a mile from the trunk route.

B. The road shall be an all-weather road with a satisfactory turnaround area.

C. Such routing of the bus shall not result in poor scheduling.

D. Such routing shall not cause students who board the bus first in the morning to leave home at an unreasonable hour.

III. Change in Routes – A request for a change in a bus route shall be made to the Transportation Supervisor. A deviation in a school bus route may be made by the Transportation Supervisor for good cause and such change shall be submitted to the Superintendent for approval.

IV. Nontransportation Zones – After considering the recommendations of the Superintendent, the School Board shall designate, by map or otherwise, nontransportation zones which shall be composed of areas in the District from which it is unnecessary or impracticable to provide transportation services. Nontransportation zones shall be designated annually prior to the opening of school and prior to the designation of bus routes for the ensuing school year.

V. Cooperation with other school districts

A. When it is practical to extend a school bus route to serve any territory located in another school district, the School Board of Citrus County shall enter into an agreement with the School Board of the other district to provide transportation services to students residing in the adjacent school district. Any such agreement shall be recorded in the official School Board minutes of each School Board. The agreement shall state in detail the responsibility of each School Board for the operation of the school bus and the maintenance of the daily schedule.
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B. Whenever a school bus crosses a district line, all rules of the Citrus County School Board shall apply to students transported by the said School Board unless otherwise stated in the agreement between the School Boards.

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