

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Department of Education

Article 38.—School Bus Transportation

91-38-8. Loading and unloading procedures.

(a) On routes.

(1) Each school bus driver shall activate the alternately flashing warning lights as required by K.S.A. 8-1556 and amendments thereto, at any time that the loading or unloading of students occurs on the traveled portion of any roadway.

(2) Each governing body shall adopt procedures for the loading and unloading of students, consistent with the requirements of this article of the department's regulations. The procedures shall include the following:

(A) Each school bus driver shall load and unload students off the roadway whenever adequate space is provided, unless parking the bus off the roadway would threaten the safety or stability of the bus or safety of the students.

(B) Each school bus driver shall direct students who cross the roadway when loading or unloading from a school bus to cross only in front of the bus. The driver shall ensure that all traffic has stopped and shall instruct students to wait for a signal from the driver before crossing the roadway.

(C) Students shall not be required to cross any divided highway, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1414 and amendments thereto, or any roadway consisting of more than one lane of traffic traveling in the same direction excluding turn lanes in order to board the bus or to reach the students' destination upon unloading from the bus.

(D) When the loading or unloading of students takes place on a roadway, the bus shall stop in the far right-hand lane of the roadway.

(E) Each driver shall ensure that all students who have unloaded from the bus have moved a safe distance away from the bus before the driver moves the bus.

(b) At school.

(1) Whenever possible, each governing body shall provide bus parking so that the loading or unloading of students is conducted in an area away from vehicular traffic and off the roadway.

(2) Before each school's dismissal time, and where adequate space is available, the bus drivers shall park the buses in single file.

(3) If the loading or unloading of students is conducted on the traveled portion of a roadway, each bus driver shall park the bus on the side of the roadway nearest to the school, with the entry door opening away from the traveled portion of the roadway. Buses shall be parked adjacent to curbing, if present. If there is no curbing, the buses shall be parked as far to the right of the roadway as possible without threatening the stability of the bus.

(4) Each board shall ensure that there is adult supervision during loading and unloading procedures at each school building, except at buildings utilized exclusively for senior high school students.

(c) On activity trips.

(1) Whenever possible, each bus driver shall park the bus so that the loading or unloading of students takes place in an area away from other vehicular traffic.

(2) The transportation supervisor shall designate, in advance, stops for the loading and unloading of buses along each activity trip route.

(d) In school passenger vehicles. Each driver of a school passenger vehicle shall park the vehicle in a location so that students are loaded or unloaded in an area off the roadway.

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