

Oklahoma State Department of Education -- 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard -- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105---4599

EVALUATION: School Bus Stop Areas for Student Pickup/Discharge

School district personnel may use this form for evaluating local school bus route service to assure all conditions are the safest possible for student school bus transportation. *(Do not submit to the SDE.)*

Date: _____ City: _____ District Name: _____

Person Conducting Evaluation: _____ Bus Number: _____

Route: _____ Bus Stop Location: _____

Use the answers to the following questions to guide you in determining the best bus stop location for your students. Very few school bus stops will comply with all of the ideal characteristics listed below. In spite of that, attempt to balance the conditions of each stop to provide the optimum level of safety.

Ideally the following answers will be yes;

1. Does this bus stop location allow all approaching drivers a **clear vision area** of at least 500 feet, about 1 ½ blocks, to allow traffic to stop safely? _____
2. Is there a **vehicle pull---out** area at this bus stop location? _____

3. Is the designated student waiting area a **safe distance from traffic**? _____

4. Is this bus stop area **w e l l---lighted**? _____

5. Are **signs** posted to advise motorists of a school bus stop area? _____

6. Is the **speed limit posted** at/near this bus stop area? _____

Ideally the following answers will be no;

7. Is this bus stop area at/near a busy **intersection**? How close? _____

8. Does the bus stop area have a **registered sex---offender** living within 2000 feet of a school bus stop area? _____
9. Do the students have to **cross a street** to board or exit the bus at this location? _____

10. Do students have to cross **multiple---lane streets** to get to the bus stop area? _____
11. Is there evidence of **illegal drug or gang activity** near this school bus stop? _____

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EVALUATION: Traffic and Road Condition

School district personnel may use this form for evaluating local school bus routes to assure all conditions are the safest possible for student school bus transportation. This report should be shared with local city and county road authorities as needed. *(Do not submit to the SDE.)*

Date: _____ City: _____ District Name: _____

Person Conducting Evaluation: _____ Bus Number: _____

Route: _____ Bus Stop Location(s): _____

1. Traffic flow on this route. Morning: Light _____ Moderate _____ Heavy _____ Varies _____
Afternoon: Light _____ Moderate _____ Heavy _____ Varies _____

Comments: _____

2. Condition of roads on this route.
Dirt Roads: Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Comments: _____
Location: _____

Gravel Roads: Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Comments: _____
Location: _____

Paved Roads: Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Comments: _____
Location: _____

3. Additional hazardous road surface conditions and locations. _____

4. Can width of all roads accommodate two oversized vehicles (i.e. two school buses)? Yes _____ No _____
Location of the narrow roads: _____

5. Is adequate road area provided for school bus "emergency evasive maneuvers?" Yes _____ No _____
Location of problem areas: _____

6. Is visibility adequate when the bus approaches narrow bridge? Not applicable _____ Yes _____ No _____
If no, indicate location of the hazard. _____

7. Is the "maximum weight allowed" posted on all bridges on this route? Yes _____ No _____
Is it safe for a school bus at full passenger capacity to travel over? Yes _____ No _____
Problem bridge locations: _____

8. List additional road conditions on the route you consider hazardous (steep downgrade, sharp turn, etc.)

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EVALUATION: Intersections

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Date: _____ City: _____ District Name: _____

Person Conducting Evaluation: _____ Bus Number: _____

Route: _____ Bus Stop Location(s): _____

(A) Intersection Location:

1. Are traffic control devices present? No _____ Yes _____ Describe type _____

2. Are there obstructions to bus driver's visibility at this intersection? No _____ Yes _____
Describe: _____

3. Traffic flow at school bus route times: (a.m.) Light _____ Moderate _____ Heavy _____ Varies _____
(p.m.) Light _____ Moderate _____ Heavy _____ Varies _____

(B) Intersection Location:

1. Are traffic control devices present? No _____ Yes _____ Describe type _____

2. Are there obstructions to bus driver's visibility at this intersection? No _____ Yes _____
Describe: _____

3. Traffic flow at school bus route times: (a.m.) Light _____ Moderate _____ Heavy _____ Varies _____
(p.m.) Light _____ Moderate _____ Heavy _____ Varies _____

(C) Intersection Location:

1. Are traffic control devices present? No _____ Yes _____ Describe type _____

2. Are there obstructions to bus driver's visibility at this intersection? No _____ Yes _____
Describe: _____

3. Traffic flow at school bus route times: (a.m.) Light _____ Moderate _____ Heavy _____ Varies _____
(p.m.) Light _____ Moderate _____ Heavy _____ Varies _____

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EVALUATION: Turnabouts on Daily Bus Routes

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Date: _____ City: _____ District Name: _____

Person Conducting Evaluation: _____ Bus Number: _____

Route: _____ Bus Stop Location(s): _____

(A) Location of Turnabout: _____

- 1. Is there a sight--distance of at least 500 feet to allow traffic to stop safely? Yes___No___
- 2. Is there adequate area/space to safely back the bus from the roadway? Yes___No___
- 3. Are all students required to remain inside the bus during backing procedures? Yes___No___
- 4. Are there traffic signs posted to warn approaching traffic of the turnabout? Yes___No___
- 5. Is a speed limit posted at turnabout location? Yes___No___What is the speed limit?_____

(B) Location of Turnabout: _____

- 1. Is there a sight--distance of at least 500 feet to allow traffic to stop safely? Yes___No___
- 2. Is there adequate area/space to safely back the bus from the roadway? Yes___No___
- 3. Are all students required to remain inside the bus during backing procedures? Yes___No___
- 4. Are there traffic signs posted to warn approaching traffic of the turnabout? Yes___No___
- 5. Is a speed limit posted at turnabout location? Yes___No___What is the speed limit?_____

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EVALUATION: Railroad Crossings on School Bus Routes

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Date: _____ City: _____ District Name: _____

Person Conducting Evaluation: _____ Bus Number: _____

Route: _____ Bus Stop Location(s): _____

(A) Location of Railroad Crossing _____ Crossing Number _____

1. Is there sufficient distance between the railroad crossing and advanced warning sign? _____
 2. Is your vision obstructed from seeing the railroad crossing signs? _____
 3. Are the railroad markings on the pavement clearly visible? _____
 4. Are the railroad signs clearly visible (cross---bucks)? _____
 5. Are the railroad caution devices working (cross---bucks, lights, gates, and/or bells)? _____
 6. When stopped fifteen (15) feet from the nearest rail, is there an unobstructed sight distance of at least one thousand (1000) feet in both rail directions? _____
 7. Are there multiple rail tracks at this crossing? _____ If yes, are all rail tracks clearly visible? _____
 8. If rail is parallel to roadway, is area adequate to stop the bus without interfering with traffic? _____
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(B) Location of Railroad Crossing _____ Crossing Number _____

1. Is there sufficient distance between the railroad crossing and advanced warning sign? _____
 2. Is your vision obstructed from seeing the railroad crossing signs? _____
 3. Are the railroad markings on the pavement clearly visible? _____
 4. Are the railroad signs clearly visible (cross---bucks)? _____
 5. Are the railroad caution devices working (cross---bucks, lights, gates, and/or bells)? _____
 6. When stopped fifteen (15) feet from the nearest rail, is there an unobstructed sight distance of at least one thousand (1000) feet in both rail directions? _____
 7. Are there multiple rail tracks at this crossing? _____ If yes, are all rail tracks clearly visible? _____
 8. If rail is parallel to roadway, is area adequate to stop the bus without interfering with traffic? _____
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