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<p>Statement</p>	<p>WESTS is responsible for providing efficient and effective student transportation services. In order to meet this objective, WESTS plans, and implements routes in a manner that optimizes the available resources and takes into consideration the length of travel time for students.</p> <p>Maximum travel times have been set for bus trips, which are applied subject to the specific geography of the area. (N.B. There may be situations where the maximum travel time can not be met and will exceed the times noted below). The Service Parameters have been developed to assist in ensuring that the routes are both safe and efficient.</p>															
<p>Service Parameters</p>	<p>The following service parameters will be utilized:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The arrival times at school will be set at no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the morning bell for elementary schools. 2. The arrival morning time for secondary school runs will be based on developing the most efficient routing but will not exceed one hour prior to bell time. 3. Transfers may be used to balance bus loads and increase efficiencies. 4. Combination of secondary and elementary students on the same bus may occur if required to optimize routes. 5. Students are not permitted to stand on the bus. The Bus load capacity only includes seated passengers. 6. Maximum Number of Students on a Bus are set as per the Manufacturer's Seating Capacity Rating (MSCR) to reasonably accommodate as many riders as possible while respecting student safety and comfort during transport. The Optimum Weighted Load Capacity will be used as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="581 1753 1409 1997"> <thead> <tr> <th>Vehicle Size</th> <th>Optimum Weighted Capacity GR. JK to 6</th> <th>Optimum Weighted Capacity Gr. 7 to 12</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>20</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>36</td> <td>36</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>66</td> <td>66</td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>72</td> <td>70</td> <td>46</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Vehicle Size	Optimum Weighted Capacity GR. JK to 6	Optimum Weighted Capacity Gr. 7 to 12	20	20	17	36	36	24	66	66	44	72	70	46
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