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<p><b>Statement</b></p>	<p>WESTS develops bus stop locations to ensure the efficiency of the service while maximizing safety and reducing risks for students.</p> <p>In urban areas, community bus stops will be used.</p> <p>In rural areas where the homes are greater than 1 km apart, home stops may be used.</p> <p>As per Policy RR-02 Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians, parents/guardians are responsible for getting their child safely to and from the designated bus stop and for student safety and conduct at the bus stop.</p>										
<p><b>Factors in Determining Bus Stop Locations</b></p>	<p>WESTS will consider the following factors to determine bus stop location:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Sight Lines and Safe Stopping</u> - The distance other motorists need to see and slow down for a school bus is a key factor in setting stops. The stops must be situated where they are clearly visible to motorists. The following table is a guide to the minimum distances from which drivers should be able to see a school bus that is stopped on a road. <table border="1" data-bbox="678 1339 1318 1537"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Speed Limit</b></th> <th><b>Minimum distance (for cars coming from each direction)</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>50 km/h</td> <td>125 m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60 km/h</td> <td>150 m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70 km/h</td> <td>175 m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>80 km/h</td> <td>200 m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> <li>2. Adequate shoulder or lane width is needed so the students can safely wait to board the bus. The adequacy of the shoulder or lane is determined by WESTS.</li> <li>3. Any hazards that would impede the student's safety at the stops such as railway level crossings without signals; one-way bridges, bridges without pathways; or any identified hazard as per Policy E-06 Eligibility based on Hazards.</li> <li>4. Bus stops will be a located a minimum of 200</li> </ol>	<b>Speed Limit</b>	<b>Minimum distance (for cars coming from each direction)</b>	50 km/h	125 m	60 km/h	150 m	70 km/h	175 m	80 km/h	200 m
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	<p>meters apart to allow buses to get to speed and properly engage stopping procedures to alert motorists of the stop, unless there are factors such as road configuration or hazards identified under Policy E-06 Eligibility based on Hazards that warrant stops being closer. Such determination will be made by WESTS staff.</p> <p>5. All stops on four lane roads will be right hand side pickups and drop offs.</p>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p>WESTS staff will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure all stops meet the requirements of the Service Parameters Policy, SD-02.</li> <li>2. In placing bus stops, WESTS will consider the physical aspects outlined in this policy and may attend the site where the stop is planned for assessment purposes, may utilize buses with cameras installed or request bus operators input regarding the stop placement.</li> </ol>
<b>Limitations</b>	<p>Construction projects and road closures are beyond the control of WESTS and may affect school bus stop locations, including temporary relocation of bus stops. The temporary relocation of the bus stop may result in walking distances to bus stops exceeding the distances outlined in Policy SD-01 Walk Distance to Bus Stop.</p>

**Referenced policies:**

- RR-02 Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians**
- E-06 Eligibility based on Hazards**
- SD-01 Walk Distance to Bus Stop**
- SD-02 Service Parameters**