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### Policy Statement

Parents/guardians are responsible for a student's safe travel to and from a bus stop location to meet transportation.

STS is responsible for the selection and location of bus stops. Bus stops will be located in accordance with established policies and procedures and will factor in road, traffic and safety conditions for the student, bus driver and other motorists. In general, buses do not enter courts, cul de sacs or crescents typically stay on arterial and/or secondary roads and bus stops are located accordingly.

Bus stop locations are periodically reviewed and may be subject to change. Only approved bus stop locations will be utilized for student pick up and drop off.

Under normal conditions and exclusive of Specialized Transportation, STS does not provide "door to door" transportation.

### Procedure

When determining a school bus stop location, STS considers multiple factors and the cumulative affect which occurs when more than one factor is present:

- School Buses are built to federally regulated safety standards and are equipped with flashing lights to assist students in crossing streets and roadways. Under the Highway Traffic Act, motorists in both directions must stop so that students can cross safely;
- Distance between bus stops must allow for adequate time for the bus driver to activate the lights to alert other motorists;
- Traffic Volume will be assessed as required;
- Posted speed limits;
- Number of travelled lanes that a student may have to cross to meet transportation;
- Sightlines to provide visibility for approaching motorists;
- Intersections, both controlled and uncontrolled;
- Sidewalks, noting lack of sidewalks are not considered for eligibility for transportation or bus stop locations. Sidewalks are a municipal issue and many communities STS serves either by design or choice do not have sidewalks.

## Procedure, Continued

- Physical barriers such as unguarded railway crossings, bridges without sidewalks or railings, unprotected waterways will be factored in when selecting a school bus stop location.
- Grade of Road or Curve of Roadway should allow for clear visibility, therefore, natural view obstructions will be considered.
- Community bus stops, meaning accessible to a number of students, are used whenever possible.