

1 Joint School District No. 2, Meridian
2 Meridian Technical Charter High School, Inc. has adopted West Ada's (Joint School District No. 2) policy.
3 AUXILIARY SERVICES

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5 Series 700

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7 Policy Title Transportation Safety Code No. 702.51

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10 Joint School District No. 2 recognizes the responsibility for providing safe and efficient
11 transportation for all students who ride school buses to and from district schools and
12 school related activities. The district's responsibility for a student begins when a student
13 boards a school district bus for transportation to/from school, or to participate in extra-
14 curricular activities, and ends when the student disembarks the bus at his/her
15 designated home stop or return to the school following the extra-curricular activity.
16 Parents are responsible for the safety of their students as they walk to and from the bus
17 stop and while they are waiting for the bus at the bus stop.

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19 Bus Stop Location:

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21 Whenever possible, bus stops will be located at or near corners and intersections.
22 Generally, buses will not travel down cul-de-sacs unless the bus is picking up students
23 with identified disabilities. Buses will not travel down private roadways or over any road
24 not maintained as part of a county, state, or federal highway system. Students may
25 have to walk several blocks to the nearest bus stop depending on the route structure,
26 and in certain circumstances, students can be required to walk up to one and one half
27 miles to the nearest established bus stop. Stops are designed based on student
28 locations, traffic patterns, and route hazard considerations, and may change every year
29 based on student population. Visibility from the home to the bus stop is not a criteria for
30 establishing bus stops. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children while
31 walking to/from the bus stop or have students walk together as a group.

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33 On mid-day kindergarten runs, bus stops are located at the student's address or at the
34 nearest accessible point to the address. Cul-de-sacs, private roadways, and dead-end
35 streets often necessitate locating the bus stop at a point other than the home address.
36 Kindergarten students returning home from a.m. programs are required to have a parent
37 or guardian at the bus stop to receive them from the bus. Parents may sign a waiver
38 that allows the kindergartner to walk home unattended, but if there is no completed
39 waiver form or a parent/guardian is not present at the stop to receive the student, the
40 driver will return the student to the school where the parent or guardian will be contacted
41 to pick them up.

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43 Walk Zones and Safety Busing:

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45 The district generally does not provide transportation for students who live within one
46 and one half miles from the nearest appropriate school. Walk zone distances shall be
47 determined by measuring the distance, in the most direct route from the home of the
48 student to the nearest property line of the school of attendance. The Board of Trustees
49 may authorize transportation of students a lesser distance when in its judgment the age,
50 health, or safety of the student warrants. The Board of Trustees shall establish and
51 maintain a policy for evaluating and rating all areas to be considered for safety busing,

52 and shall have on file a completed measuring or rating instrument for all safety busing
53 requests submitted to the State Department of Education. Details of this policy can be
54 found in the Transportation Department Employee Policies and Procedures Manual.
55 The local Board of Trustees shall annually approve all new safety busing locations. All
56 safety busing sites will be re-evaluated at intervals of at least every three years using the
57 board adopted measuring or scoring instrument.

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63 Date of Revision:

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