

School Board Action Report

“Every student achieving, everyone accountable”



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**STRATEGIC THEME/
FOCUS AREA:** Transportation Service Standards

TITLE AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Revise Transportation Service Standards to conform the current policy to include walk zone change for three schools. For Introduction: February 27, 2008
For Action: March 12, 2008

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION/EVALUATION

Implementation of the proposed change to the Transportation Service Standards will take effect September 2008.

Evaluation of pilot will occur in October 2008

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move the Seattle School Board approve this 2008-2009 Transportation Service Schedule.

ISSUE

Rationale for changes:

The proposed change to the Transportation Service Standards for school year 2008-2009, establishes a pilot project to evaluate the potential of increasing student enrollment at the three Southeast Education Initiative Schools. The three schools are Aki Kurose Middle School, Cleveland High School, and Rainer Beach High School. The proposed change decreases the walk-zones for the schools to 1 mile. The current walk-zones are 2 miles for the middle school, and 2.5 miles for the two high schools.

The proposed change will not modify board policy in this area until after the pilot has been evaluated and deemed to have been effective. The pilot project will be evaluated in mid-October 2008, following the October student enrollment count. The criteria for determining whether or not the walk zone changes will be extended into year two will be an enrollment increase of 10% in the number of enrolled students that live in the reduced walk zones. These current enrollment numbers are: Aki Kurose – 114; Cleveland – 195; and Rainer Beach – 190. We anticipate any

enrollment increases for year two to be influenced by both the walk zone changes as well as program and curriculum changes implemented as a part of the Southeast Education Initiative. The evaluation target for year two is an additional 15% increase in enrollment.

POLICY IMPLICATION

FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE

The proposed cost for the South East Initiative pilot project to begin in 2008-09, (walk zone reduction of 2.0 miles to 1.0 mile for Aki Kurose; reduction of 2.5 miles to 1.0 mile for Cleveland and Rainier Beach) is approximately \$118,000. The projected cost is based on current enrollment, if eligibility standards are adjusted and the desired outcome of more students attending the schools is achieved then the eligible student counts will increase. Some growth is accounted for students assigned to yellow buses, however, for schools on Metro passes, the cost will increase as the number of students enrolling within the new boundaries increase. Costs for the pilot will be budgeted as a part of the Southeast Education Initiative.

Expenditure: **One-time** **Annual**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Information about the transportation change has been communicated through inclusion in the Secondary Enrollment Guide (mailed to families of riser students entering grade 6 or grade 9). Display maps have been provided to each of the three schools and to the Bilingual Family Center to post showing the additional transportation eligibility area. A display map is also posted at the Stanford Center Enrollment Service Center showing the additional transportation area. This information is available on the Enrollment web site at the following URLs.

- www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/akitransinfo.pdf
- www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/clevelandtransinfo.pdf
- www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/rainierbeachtransinfo.pdf

Each link takes leads to information about the school and the South East Initiative and then provides a link to the map itself www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/SE_Initiative_WZ/pdf.

Flyers will be distributed to all 8th graders at Aki Kurose, Mercer, and AAA (for Cleveland and Rainier Beach info) and to 5th graders at elementary schools near Aki Kurose (for Aki Kurose info). They will go to families before the break, giving them two more weeks to apply.

CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Service Standards are reviewed and updated annually by the School Board for two reasons. The first is to comply with RCW 28A.160.010 which requires each local board

to set a policy of eligibility and efficiency in their transportation program. The second purpose is to outline the general service levels and policies for the coming school year.

ATTACHMENTS

[2008-09 Transportation Service Standards](#)