

**6.85 HAZARDOUS WALKING CONDITIONS**

A. To qualify for bus service from within the school walk zone, students must be exposed to hazardous walking conditions as defined below. Traffic volumes will be based on counts during the time students walk to and from school from appropriate governmental entities or the district. The appropriate walk path shall be determined by the School District as per ~~State Board Rule 6A-3.001(3)~~ School Board Policy 6.84 (G)(6a. and b).

1. Walkways parallel to roadway (Grades ~~K-12~~ PK-6):

It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition with respect to any road along which students must walk in order to walk to and from school, if there is not a walkway at least four (4) feet wide adjacent to the road, having a surface upon which students may walk without being required to walk on the road surface. In addition, whenever the road along which students must walk in order to walk to and from school is uncurbed and has a posted speed limit of between ~~25 30~~ to ~~44 55~~ miles per hour, the four (4) foot wide walkway must be set off the road by no less than ~~five (5)~~ three (3) feet from the edge of the road. Further, whenever the road along which students must walk in order to walk to and from school ~~it is~~ uncurbed and has a posted speed limit greater than ~~44 55~~ miles per hour, the four (4) foot wide walkway must be set off the road by no less than ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) feet from the edge of the road. The walkway may be less than the ~~five (5) three (3)~~ foot and ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) foot requirement if a barrier is placed between the edge of road and the walkway designed to deflect traffic away from the walkway.

- a. The provisions above shall not apply when the road along which student must walk:
  - 1) Is in a residential area which has little to no transient traffic, or;
  - 2) Is a road on which the total volume of traffic is less than 180 vehicles per hour (all directions), or;
  - 3) Is located in a residential area and has a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less.

2. Walkways perpendicular to the roadway (Grades PK-6):

It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition with respect to any road across which student must walk in order to walk to and from school:

- a. If the crossing is made at an intersection and the traffic volume on the road is ~~between 600 and 1,499~~ exceeds the rate of 360 vehicles per hour, ~~per for all~~ during the time students walk to and from directions (including all lanes), school and if the crossing site is uncontrolled. For purposes of this subsection, an “uncontrolled crossing site” is an intersection or other designated crossing site where no stop sign, traffic control signal, crossing guard or traffic

enforcement officer is present during the times students walk to and from school.

- b. If the crossing is made at an intersection and the total traffic volume on the road exceeds ~~1,500~~ 3,000 vehicles per ~~hour~~ for all directions (including all lanes), and if the crossing site is not controlled by both a stop sign or traffic control signal AND a crossing guard or traffic enforcement officer are present during the times students walk to and from school hour through an intersection or other crossing site controlled by a stop sign or other traffic control signal, unless crossing guards or other traffic enforcement officers are also present during the times students walk to and from school. Traffic volume shall be determined by the most current traffic engineering study conducted by a state, local government agency or the School District.
- c. All crossings on US Highway 17 south of Doctors Lake Bridge and north of Black Creek Bridge if the crossing site is not controlled by both a traffic control signal and a crossing guard or traffic enforcement officer.

3. Walkways perpendicular to the roadway (Grades 7-8 12):

It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition with respect to any the following roads across which students must walk in order to walk to and from school:

- a. ~~If the crossing is made at an intersection and the traffic volume on the road is between 720 and 1,499 vehicles per hour for all directions (including all lanes), and if the crossing site is uncontrolled. For purposes of this subsection, and “uncontrolled crossing site” is an intersection or other designated crossing site where no stop sign, traffic control signal, crossing guard or traffic enforcement officer is present during the times students walk to and from school.~~
- b. ~~If the crossing is made at an intersection and the traffic volume on the road exceeds 1,500 vehicles per hour for all directions (including all lanes), and if the crossing site is not controlled by both a stop sign or traffic control signal AND a crossing guard or traffic enforcement officer is present during the times students walk to and from school.~~
- e a. All crossings on US Highway 17 south of Doctors Lake Bridge and north of Black Creek Bridge if the crossing site is not controlled by both a traffic control signal and a crossing guard or traffic enforcement officer.
- b. All crossings on State Road 21 from the Northern Clay County line to County Road 215, south of Middleburg, if the crossing site is not controlled by both a traffic control signal and a crossing guard or traffic enforcement officer.

4. ~~Walkways perpendicular to the roadway (Grades 9-12):~~

~~It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition with respect to any road across which students must walk in order to walk to and from school:~~

- ~~a. If the crossing is made at an intersection and the traffic volume on the road is greater than 1,500 vehicles per hour for all directions (including all lanes), and if the crossing site is uncontrolled. For purposes of this subsection, "uncontrolled crossing site" is an intersection or other designated crossing site where no stop sign, traffic control signal, crossing guard or traffic enforcement officer is present during the times students walk to and from school.~~
- ~~b. All crossings on US Highway 17 south of Doctors Lake Bridge and north of Black Creek Bridge.~~

5. ~~Walkways crossing railroad tracks (Grades K-6):~~

~~It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition with respect to any walking path along which students must walk in order to walk to and from school if the walkway crosses more than one set of railroad tracks along the designated walking route to or from school.~~

6 4. Combination Additional Walking Path Hazards (Grades PK-6):

It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition with respect to any walking path along which students must walk in order to walk to and from school if the roadway or crossing involves ~~two or more~~ any of the following characteristics:

- ~~a. Traffic volume in excess of 360 vehicles per hour (all directions).~~
- ~~b. Absence of improved walking path (such as a sidewalk or designed walkway).~~
- ~~e. Active railroad track in path.~~
- ~~d~~ a. Visibility in all directions of traffic on roadways having a posted speed of more than 30 miles per hour from the walkway must be reasonably clear for a distance of 500 feet.
- ~~e~~ b. Crossing ~~more than six (6) traffic lanes or more,~~ not including the turn lanes.

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: June 26, 2008

To: Mike Elliott  
Asst. Supt. Support Services

From: Bruce Harvin  
Coordinator of Operations

Re: Revisions to Policy 6.85(Hazardous Walking Conditions)

Mike,

I have reviewed the proposed changes and improvements to the above stated policy and concur. It is my opinion the changes will help eliminate confusion between the District's Hazardous Walking policies and Florida State Statutes. In addition, it will encourage and continue cooperation of other governmental entities that currently adhere to state policy only.

Although the proposed changes do bring the District closer to state statute, it remains stricter than the state, as it relates to vehicle counts.

Thank you in advance!



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TO: Michael J. Elliott, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services

FROM: R.L. "Bob" Veres, Director of Transportation *R.L.V.*

CC: Denise Adams, Deputy Superintendent

RE: Hazardous Walking Policy Change

DATE: July 7, 2008

Please be advised that I strongly support your proposed changes in the "Hazardous Walking" policy. The changes bring our district policy more in line with the state policy, without significantly reducing perceived safety issues.

Unfortunately, having a district policy much different than the state policy made it extremely difficult for the public to understand. It was also difficult for those of us, in safety and transportation to interpret from time to time.

As you are aware, the district deals with law enforcement, county government and city government agencies with regard to hazardous walking. These other agencies are bound by state policy, but not district policy. Therefore, it is often difficult to get action based on our local policy. Compounding the issue is the decreasing budgets of governmental agencies, which forces them to only do what they are required to do.

Based on the above, I believe the change in SB Policy 6.85 makes it cleaner, easier to interpret, brings it more in line with the state policy and brings forth more continuity with the district and other governmental agencies regarding the assessment and correction of "Hazardous Walking".

Once again, I support the proposed change in S.B. Policy 6.85.