

FCPS School Board

Transportation Task Force

Service Parameter Decisions

General Meeting of December 1, 2007

Transportation Task Force -TTF

Service Parameter Decisions

After an open and wide-ranging general discussion, the Task Force voted on a position with regard to FCPS-wide Transportation Service Parameters. The items discussed and the final outcomes are shown in the following slides.

The items were put before the Task Force as questions or choices from a list, with the answers being its collective decisions.

A second meeting is needed to complete this effort. It will be held December 11th.

- Eliminate the “Exception to Ride” program?

YES	38%
NO	62%

Decision: retain the “Exception to Ride” program

- Move “Exception to Ride” program start to the 2nd quarter of the school year?

YES	25%
NO	75%

Decision: “Exception to Ride” program will continue to be available at the start of the school year.

- “Civil Twilight” shall be an absolute rule/barrier, for within boundary transportation of Elementary School students?

YES	21%
NO	79%

Decision: “Civil Twilight” is not an absolute requirement for within boundary transportation of Elementary School students.

- “Civil Twilight” shall be ignored, for within boundary transportation of Elementary School students?

YES	28%
NO	72%

Decision: “Civil Twilight” shall not be ignored during within boundary transportation of Elementary School students.

- Should “Civil Twilight” be observed for within boundary Elementary School students at their first pick-up, except for two weeks of the year or for at-home pick-ups?

YES

82%

NO

18%

Decision: Observe “Civil Twilight” for within boundary Elementary School students at their first pick-up, except for two weeks of the year or for at-home pick-ups.

- Should High School (HS) and Middle School (MS) students have the same “bus ride time” limitations?

YES

97%

NO

3%

Decision: HS and MS students will have the same “bus ride time” limitations.

- HS and MS students within boundary ride times?

30 minutes or less 3%

45 minutes or less 15%

60 minutes or less 48%

more than 60 minutes 33%

Decision: HS & MS students may not ride a bus for more than 60 minutes.

- Elementary School (ES) students within boundary ride times?

30 minutes or less	13%
45 minutes or less	48%
60 minutes or less	26%
no absolute limit	13%

Decision: ES students may not ride a bus for more than 45 minutes.

- Should “Grandfathering” be permitted, for both school boundary and programmatic boundary changes? (*NOTE: in an attempt to reach consensus, there were two votes taken, with significant discussion before each. Both are shown.*)

First Vote

YES	55%
NO	45%

Second Vote

YES	52%
NO	48%

Decision: None – no clear consensus obtained

- Should the subject of “Grandfathering” be tabled until a later meeting?

YES	96%
NO	4%

Decision: Table “Grandfathering”

- ES drop-off/arrival time window, and allowed to enter the school immediately

5 – 15 minutes	22%
5 – 25 minutes	70%
other	7%

Decision: Elementary School students shall arrive no later than 5 minutes before school, and no earlier than 25 minutes before school, and are to be allowed to enter the school immediately.

- Middle School drop-off/arrival time window, and allowed to enter the school immediately

10 – 20 minutes	18%
10 – 25 minutes	82%

Decision: The MS arrival/drop-off window is 10 – 25 minutes before school starts, with immediate entry.

- High School drop-off/arrival time window, and allowed to enter the school immediately

10 – 25 minutes	64%
10 – 35 minutes	36%
other	0%

Decision: The High School arrival/drop-off window is 10 – 25 minutes before school starts, with immediate entry.

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Second Session

General Meeting of December 11, 2007

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As on December 1, 2007, after an open and wide-ranging general discussion in December 11, 2007, the Task Force voted on a position with regard to another set of FCPS-wide Transportation Service Parameters. The items discussed and the final outcomes are shown in the following slides.

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This completes Task Force work on identified parameters. If others emerge, they will be addressed at that time.

- “Grandfathering” school boundary changes?

YES – 1 year	73%
YES – 2 years	15%
YES – 3 years	12%
YES – Unlimited	0%
NONE	3%

Decision: Grandfathering for School Boundary changes is acceptable, but for ONE YEAR only

- “Grandfathering” for Program Changes (i.e., change in GT Centers, etc.)

YES	7%
NO	93%

Decision: Grandfathering for program changes should NOT be permitted.

- Should the current home-to-school walking distances be retained for all students?

YES

98%

NO

2%

Decision: Current home-to-school walking distances for all students should NOT be changed.

- Should the maximum home-to-bus stop walking distances for Elementary School students be increased to one-half mile (State limitation is one mile)?

YES

90%

NO

10%

Decision: Transportation should optimize bus stop placements by making better use of permissible walking distance, up to, but not exceeding one-half (1/2) mile for Elementary School students, with a goal of reducing the number of bus stops and improving transport efficiency and run length.

- Should the maximum home-to-bus stop walking distances for Middle and High School students be increased to three-quarters of a (State limitation is one and one-half miles)?

YES

76%

NO

24%

Decision: Transportation should optimize bus stop placements by making better use of permissible walking distance, up to, but not exceeding three-quarters of a mile for Middle and High School students, with a goal of reducing the number of bus stops and improving transport efficiency and run length.

- Permit Elementary School students to ride with non-ES student?

YES	19%
NO	81%

Decision: Elementary school students should only ride with other Elementary School students, except for current rare and unusual circumstances related to centralized pick-ups, such as TJHSS&T.

- Permit Middle and High School students to ride together?

YES	100%
NO	0%

Decision: Middle and High School students may ride together.

- Provide transportation to GT Centers for Elementary and Middle School students?

YES

68%

NO

32%

Decision: Transportation may be provided for Elementary and Middle School students to within-boundary GT Centers

- Provide transportation to a GT Center when the base school has a GT Center?

YES

7%

NO

93%

Decision: Transportation should NOT be provided to a GT Center when the base school has a GT Center

- Should non-mandatory out-of-boundary transportation be provided?

Decision: None. Item tabled for later decision.

- Should we expand the use of centralized pick-up locations for students attending non-mandated out-of-boundary programs?

YES

83%

NO

17%

Decision: The use of centralized pick-up locations should be expanded for all students attending non-mandatory out-of-boundary programs.