

FCPS School Board

Transportation Task Force

Service Parameter Decisions

General Meeting of December 1, 2007

Transportation Task Force -TTF

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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.