

**WAC 392-141-340 Determination of the walk area.** (1) Each district or charter school shall determine the walk area for each school building or learning center where students are enrolled, attend class and transportation is provided. The district or charter school is required to use a process to determine the walk area that involves as many of the following groups as possible: Parents, school administrators, law enforcement representatives, traffic engineers, public health or walking advocates and other interested parties. Hazardous conditions requiring transportation service will be documented and will include all roadways, environmental and social conditions included in the evaluation process. The process will be consistent with the one described in *School Walk and Bike Routes: A Guide for Planning and Improving Walk and Bike to School Options for Students* published by the Washington state department of transportation.

(2) The process will identify preferred walking routes from each neighborhood to each elementary school as required by RCW 28A.160.160(5). Walk areas will be reviewed as conditions change or every two years.

(3) Districts and charter schools are allowed to provide transportation service within the walk area, but basic program students who are provided transportation from school bus stops within the walk area are not eligible for funding. It is the responsibility of each district or charter school to ensure that noneligible students who are provided with transportation service within the walk area are correctly reported during the count period.

(4) A district or charter school is not required to document the process used to determine that transportation will not be provided from an area. Districts and charter schools are only required to document the process used to make a decision to transport within one road mile of a school if such transportation is provided due to hazardous conditions and those students are reported for funding.

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