

## **Transportation at Worcester Central School**

WCS maintains a fleet of buses and vans to transport our children on school related matters.

We daily pick up children outside of the Board of Education defined **Walker Zones**. (See below)

Each school day, six regular bus runs pick up our children from our school district. Once at school, some of our children are bused to alternate education sites to receive their appropriate education. We currently transport children to Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School, Charlotte Valley Central School, OAOC Boces in Milford, and to Pathfinder Village.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

All of these transportation runs place a heavy burden on our buses. We must maintain our buses to very rigorous standards set by New York State. We employ mechanics to make sure our children are riding on buses that have been thoroughly inspected by NYSDOT and have been maintained to high mechanical standards.

### **Bus Purchases**

Most buses are purchased with a five year warranty. Of course, with use moving parts of a bus begin to wear and breakdown. Most school districts in NYS have established a five year replacement plan for their transportation fleet. Trading in our buses at near the five year service mark helps the district to avoid costly repairs outside of the warranty. In addition, trading in a bus at five years yields a much greater trade in value. Most buses we trade in receive a value of \$32,000-38,000 at trade in. If we wait for another 5 years, repair bills mount and the trade in value usually drops to approximately \$1,000.

### **WCS Walker Zones**

New York State regulations include directions as related to children transport to school. They indicate that:

- School districts are not required to provide door-to-door transportation for any child, not even those in Kindergarten. Pickup points can be established for efficiency and economy reasons.
- Some schools districts have adopted local policies of picking up all young children at their homes, but the law does not require such service.
- The distance between a pupil's home and a pickup point cannot exceed the distance used by the district for determining eligibility for transportation. *(Some years the district may establish a pickup point, on rural routes that children must gather at, to be picked up. The distance children may have to walk to that pickup point cannot exceed the distance village children must walk to get to school)*
- The Commissioner of Education has held that parents are legally responsible for the safety of the children while walking between home and a pickup point.

Each year the Board of Education determines Worcester Central School Walking Zones for our children.

The following document reflects the 2017-2018 Walking Zone determination.

### WCS Walker Zones Defined

Walker zones as designated by the Board of Education, define the points at which students must walk to and from school. Walking zones do not apply to students in kindergarten and first grade, as these students are eligible for bus pick-up, regardless of the location of their residence. All students in the second grade, and continuing through the end of their school years, residing in designated walking zones, are expected to walk to and from school.

#### **Traveling east from the school on Route 7 (Main Street):**

The end of the walking zone coincides with the end of the sidewalk (293 Main Street, inclusive,) on the North side of Route 7 (Main Street).

The end of the walking zone is 260 Main Street, inclusive, on the South side of Route 7 (Main Street).

All residences on Mill Street and Chase Street are in the walking zone.

The end of the walking zone on West Hill Road coincides with the end of the sidewalks at the intersection of Route 7 (Main Street) and West Hill Road. All residences on West Hill Road are considered outside the walking zone except those residences located on each corner of the intersection of Route 7 (Main Street) and West Hill Road.

A centralized bus stop location at the intersection of Halleck Drive and West Hill Road will pick up and drop off students in residences located on Halleck Drive, Little Street, and Kelso Street.

#### **Traveling west from the school on Route 7 (Main Street):**

The end of the walking zone coincides with the end of the sidewalks on both the north and south side of Route 7 Main Street). All residences located on Park Street are in the walking zone.

The end of the walking zone on County Route 39/Decatur Street coincides with the end of the sidewalk begins on County Route 39. All residences located on Church Street, Water Street, Elm Street, Maple Street, Cook Street, Fairlawn Avenue, and Solar Bluff are in the walking zone.

The end of the walker zone on South Hill Road ends at the railroad tracks. All residences located on Church Street and Depot Street are in the walking zone.