

Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Transportation Procedure 049 Designated Place of Safety (POS)	Effective: 9/1/2015
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Designated Place of Safety (POS)

“Each pupil shall be assigned a residence side designated place of safety. The Driver must account for each pupil at a designated place of safety before leaving. A place of safety is also applicable to adults being transported in County Board vehicles.”

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Passengers must wait in a location clear of traffic and away from the bus stop. The purpose of the place of safety is to reduce as much as possible the potential of a student/individual being hit by a school bus while they are in the process of being picked up or dropped off.

The following are best practice guidelines for establishing POS.

1. The POS should be at least 10 or more steps away from the bus stop.
2. The POS should be far enough away from the bus so that the bus can proceed without any chance of the student/individual running back into the path of the bus as it leaves the designated stop.
3. When possible, the Driver should choose a stationary and recognizable object, such as a flag pole, garage door, or sign post.
4. The POS should be such that a driver can account for the location of the student/individual before moving the bus.
5. Drivers who do not believe a POS can be determined at a given stop should communicate with their supervisor and ask for assistance.
6. The POS for each student/individual will be identified on the route sheet.