

Transportation Eligibility

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Transportation Statement from the Texas Education Agency

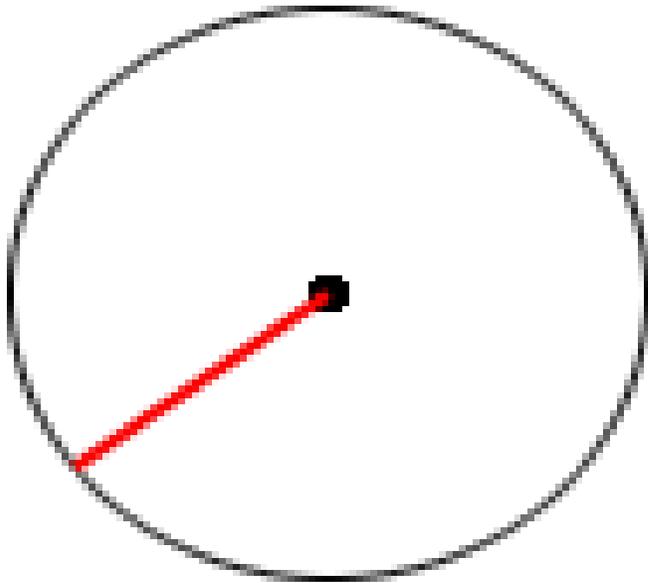
- Please be advised that the only students that a school district board of trustees must provide transportation to are Special Education students that require special transportation as established by the student's Individual Education Program (IEP). For regular education, non-disabled students the legislature has stated in Texas Education Code 34.007, Public School Transportation System, that a school district board of trustees may establish and operate an economical public school transportation system in the district. Since the statute says may establish, the decision to do so and to what extent, is made at district school board level.
- The provision of student transportation in your school district to non disabled students is based on your school board's policies to include designation of any areas the board considers hazardous traffic areas for students to cross if walking. There are no legislative restrictions on which students may or may not be provided transportation by the school district. Please be advised that you may address your concerns about district transportation policy as far as your school board level but that current statute states that a school board's policy decision affecting transportation is final and may not be appealed (TEC 34.011).



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1) Radius measurement greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile for Elementary and 1 mile for Secondary addresses from the school property line.





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2) Walk path to school is deemed “Hazardous” by the Hazardous Route Review Committee (Emergency Management Representative, Police Officer, and Transportation Administrator).

According to Katy ISD Board policy CNA:

“A hazardous condition exists where no walkway is provided AND students must walk along or cross a freeway or expressway, an underpass, an overpass or a bridge, an uncontrolled major traffic artery, an industrial or commercial area, or another comparable condition”.

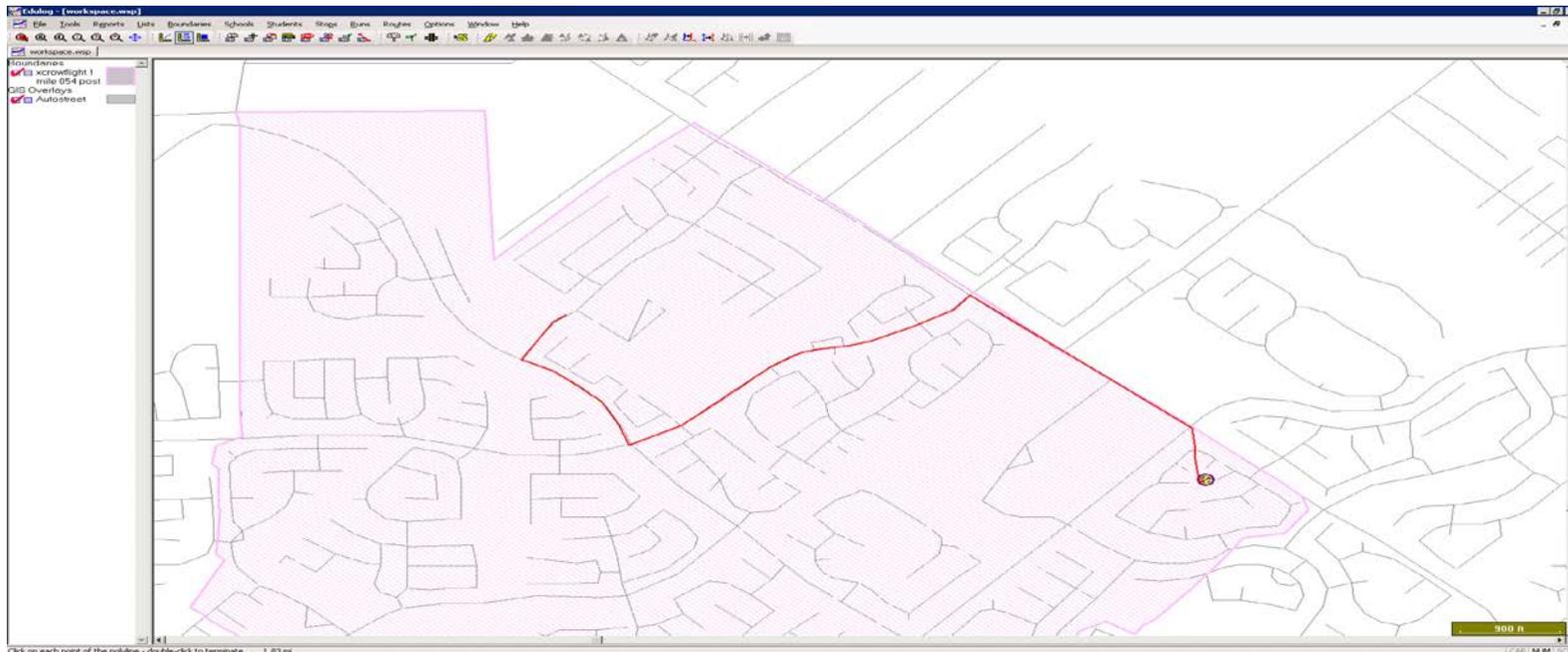
Please note that both conditions must be met in order for a route to be considered hazardous. In addition, Katy ISD describes a walk path as any area used frequently by pedestrian traffic. It is not necessary for the walk path to be concrete, stone or asphalt; it may include a grass or dirt path.



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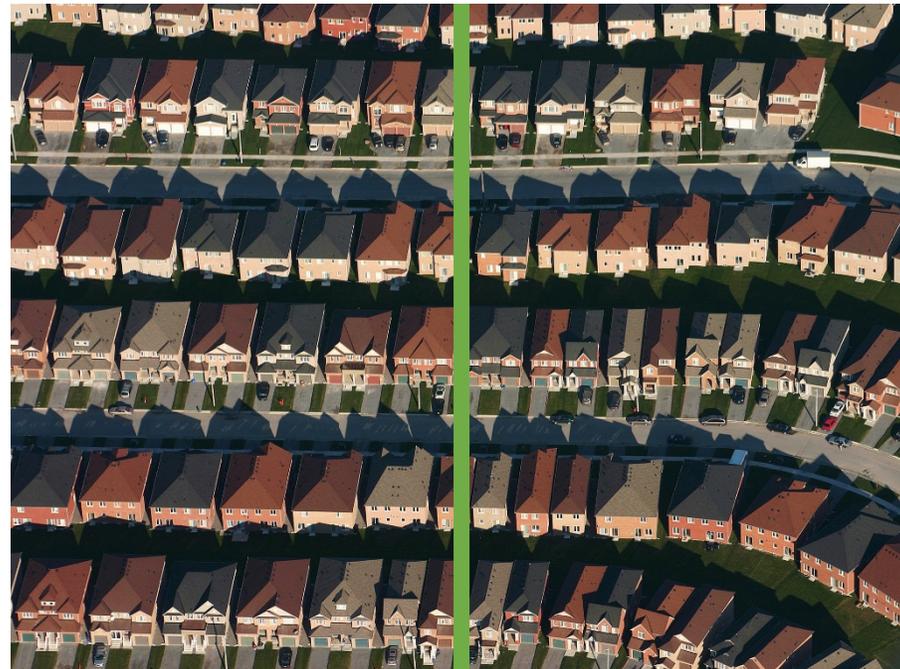
3) The student's walking distance to school is over 2 miles on the shortest (Non-Hazardous) walking path – Measured from the school property line to the closest point on the patron's property line.



Important Note

- It is entirely possible for one address to be eligible and the neighboring address to be ineligible. Eligibility is totally dependent on whether each property is entirely outside the established eligibility distance as determined by the routing system employed by the district.

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Ineligible



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4) Students may also be eligible if they MUST pass into an eligible zone in order to walk to school.



Thank you