

Considerations for APS Walk Zones

The following considerations were crafted by the Walk Zone Work Group (WZWG) during the spring of 2017. Contributing members of the WZWG included:

- Department of Facilities - Transportation Services and Facilities Planning – Arlington Public Schools (APS)
- Safe Routes to School – Arlington Public Schools (APS)
- Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) – Arlington County Government (ACG)
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Arlington County Government (ACG)
- Department of Environmental Services (DES) - Transportation Engineering and Operations Bureau and the Arlington County Commuter Services (ACCS), commonly known as Bike Arlington and Walk Arlington – Arlington County Government (ACG)
- Public Safety Support and Crossing Guards - Arlington County Police Department (ACPD)
- School Resource Officers (SRO) - Arlington County Police Department (ACPD)

Elementary school students

- 1- Elementary school students may not cross any red roadway except where controlled by a crossing guard.
- 2- Elementary school students may walk on sidewalks along any orange roadway for up to two blocks to reach a side street, school, crossing guard or bus stop.

Middle and high school students

- 1- Middle and high school students may cross any orange roadway at control intersections (crosswalks with pedestrian signals).
- 2- Middle and high school students may walk on sidewalks along any red roadway segment without limitation and may not cross any red roadway except where controlled by a crossing guard.

For all students

- 1- All students should use the available sidewalk/walkway/pathway infrastructure. Where there is no continuous sidewalk/walkway/pathway infrastructure students may be eligible for transportation. NOTE: *this condition does not apply to neighborhood streets without sidewalks*
- 2- Transportation will consider modifying the walk zone in locations where there are physical impediments to walking including fences, gated communities, natural barriers and construction zones lasting more than 12 month continuously. These impediments will be considered only where alternative routes are not available.
- 3- Students may use pedestrian overpass and underpass walkways in order to avoid crossing a red roadway. Transportation may determine whether a particular overpass or underpass may be used by students.
- 4- Per APS Policy Implementation Procedure (PIP) 50-5.1: "Parents are responsible for making arrangements for the escort of younger children to and from bus stops". "First grade or younger students will not be dropped off at a bus stop unless the parent or a designated escort is present". "Such children will remain on the bus until the driver has completed the route, and will be returned to the school for pick-up by the parent". "Drivers will radio the dispatcher when the escort is not present and the dispatcher will call the school". Please visit the APS website for the complete Policy Implementation Procedure (PIP) 50-5.1 @ https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/legacy_assets/www/d658f9f62e-50-5.1-pupil-transport-PIP.pdf
- 5- Interstate 395, Interstate 66 and George Washington Memorial Parkway are limited to vehicular traffic only and therefore are not classified.