

Overlap of Elementary School Walk Zones

Iowa law defines the walk zone of an elementary school as those areas within two-miles of the school (as measured along the paths, not “as the crow flies”). Most areas of the community that are within the walk zone of one elementary school are also within the walk zone of more than one elementary school.

In the map below, the purple line represents the boundary of the school district; the red line represents the boundaries of two-mile walk zones for each elementary school; the shaded areas represent areas of overlap between two or more walk zones. The lightest shading represents an overlap of two walk zones, while the darkest shading represents an overlap of seven walk zones.

Iowa law gives districts the discretion to bus students who live within the walk zone. The district identifies discretionary busing areas based on school boundaries, so discretionary busing areas are not reflected in the map below.

