FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

Student Walkways

The purpose of this regulation is to prescribe responsibilities and procedures relating to the approval of proffers or construction projects for student walkways which pass through wooded/secluded areas or between residences.

Proffers or construction projects (other than school staff performed projects) relating to student walkways, on or off school properties, which pass through wooded/secluded areas or between residences, will not be approved without prior submission to the Prince William County School Board.

It is the responsibility of the Office of Facilities Services to review, on behalf of Prince William County Public Schools, all planning documents regarding rezoning requests, preliminary and final residential subdivision and site plans, and other development, regardless of type, which could impact the School Division. In the review process, which addresses all potential or existing impacts, primary consideration is given to student safety and includes strict adherence to the requirements and specifications of the Prince William County Design and Construction Standards Manual regarding walkways within one mile of an existing or designated school site. For areas beyond one mile from school sites, close attention and careful consideration is given to assure that students can walk safely to and from their residences and safe school bus pickup points. Comments are then prepared and submitted to the appropriate Prince William County government office where they are considered and consolidated with those of other review agencies for presentation to developers.

If, during the review process, it is determined that comments must be addressed regarding walkways which will pass through wooded/secluded areas or between residences, a copy of the correspondence containing comments will be provided to each member of the School Board prior to submission to the Prince William County Planning Office. Copies provided to School Board members will include a diagram and/or description. Submission to the Prince William County Planning Office will be made following delivery of the information to School Board members. Objections will be resolved prior to submission to the Prince William County Planning Office.
If any approved walkways, constructed or planned as part of the adjacent development, are intended to connect directly to a designated future school site, the Office of Facilities Services for Prince William County Public Schools will include the on-site section of the walkway in the original design and construction of the new school project.

The Associate Superintendent for Finance and Support Services, or designee, is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

The Associate Superintendent for Finance and Support Services, or designee, is responsible for reviewing this regulation in 2015.