

REGULATION

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BUS TRANSPORTATION

It is the parents' responsibility to determine how their children will safely travel to and from school, or to and from the bus pick up and drop off locations. Bus transportation provided by the district is one option.

In accordance with the *School Act*, bus transportation for students to use in going to and from school is provided at the discretion of the Board. It is recognized that bus transportation routes will not suit the requests of all parents.

ELIGIBLE RIDERS

To be eligible for consideration of regular bus transportation to and from school, the student must:

1. Be registered as a K-12 student in a School District No. 83 school or program.
2. Attend their neighborhood school (catchment area).
3. Live more than 3.5 km from his/her catchment area school (whether or not they attend that school).

The calculation of distance for determining eligibility for transportation services is based on distances measured from a student's home where a driveway connects to a public road.

NON-ELIGIBLE (COURTESY) RIDERS

Transportation of a non-eligible student is the responsibility of the parent. Non-eligible students may be provided transportation as courtesy riders.

Providing the following conditions exist, courtesy ridership may be granted to a student by the Transportation Department:

- There is an existing bus route; and
- The bus has available space; and
- No additional stops are required.

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Bus schedules and routes will not be adjusted for courtesy riders. Application for courtesy riders are considered by the Transportation Department. The criteria for approving courtesy ride requests will be based on the following: • Available space; • Ill health or temporary disability (medical certificate required); • Age of student – priority will be given to K-5 students; • Safety. Registered courtesy riders will be carried forward to next school year unless notified otherwise. Courtesy ridership may be canceled at any time with one week's notice. Dead end routes will be serviced only at the discretion of the Manager of Transportation. Primary students must also follow Policy Regulation 5040.07R - PRIMARY STUDENTS AT BUS STOPS.	
<u>EXEMPTIONS</u>	
A student may lose the privilege of bus transportation if the student: 1. Demonstrates unsafe or dangerous behaviours. 2. Damages the bus or other related property (restitution may be required). 3. Has not followed the rules, code of conduct, directions, or other requirements.	
Policy Regulation 5040.06R – DISCIPLINE ON BUSES will apply in these cases.	
<u>RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY</u>	
The School Board is responsible for the safety of students while being transported by bus, from the time they board the bus in the morning until they disembark from the bus in the afternoon. The School Board is not responsible for the safety of the route the student may travel to and from the school or bus stop.	