



SECTION F - TRANSPORTATION  
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

1. The Division shall transport, and/or provide transportation allowance for all students for whom the Division receives transportation grants provided for in the Regulations of the Public Schools' Act. All students whose distance from their home address to their assigned or catchment area school within the Division is greater than 1.6 kilometers are eligible for transportation.
2. If an area within 1.6 kilometers of a catchment area school is determined by the division administration to be unsafe for students to walk to school, the Secretary-Treasurer may authorize a pick-up location for students that reside within this area. The administration will review the area of concern with the appropriate municipal officials with the intent to resolve the safety concern.
3. Where students eligible for transportation are not transported, their parents or legal guardians may receive an allowance in lieu of transportation services as determined by the Board. This provision would not apply to students and families who choose to use their own transportation to get to and from school.
4. The division reserves the right to refuse transportation if the road to a residence is deemed unsafe for bus travel.
5. Transportation will be provided for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 who are unable to walk to and from school because of a physical/medical condition or other disability. Students with special educational needs may receive transportation if authorized by the Superintendent/CEO or the Secretary-Treasurer to receive transportation to an assigned or catchment area school.
6. In areas where unsupervised bus stops are used for picking up groups of children, parents will be notified of specific pickup locations and times to reduce any problems that may occur.
7. Alternate pickups and drop-offs are allowed in exceptional circumstances provided the point selected is on a current route and prior approval has been received from the school administrator and/or the Assistant Transportation Coordinator. If a student is requesting an alternate location that is not on a current route, arrangements would need to be made to have the child picked up at a regular stop.
8. The Division will consider requests from parents to change the designated pickup/drop off location. Requests will be considered if there is room on the bus, the bus route does not require adjustment, the change does not affect route times, and the pickup/drop off is on a regular basis, morning and/or evening five days a week. Students who live in town and who are not eligible for bus transportation are not eligible for consideration under this clause.
9. Where families move to a summer residence, that residence is deemed to be their primary residence and transportation is provided if it is within the catchment area of the school they attend. Transportation outside of the catchment area is only provided for those students taking a language or vocational program not offered in the catchment area school.

<b>Cross Reference:</b> <a href="#">P.S.A. Sections 43-47, Regulation 465/88 R</a> , MVSD Procedure: AA40 Admission of Students											
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10. Students in kindergarten to grade six who reside within 1.6 kilometers of their catchment area school but attend a childcare location farther than 1.6 kilometers from the child's catchment area school may be approved for transportation services for a fee of \$40 per month under the following conditions:
  - there is room on the bus
  - the bus route does not require adjustment
  - the change does not significantly affect route times
  - the pickup/drop off is on a regular basis, morning and/or evening five days per week.
  
11. Buses will travel on roads maintained by the Municipalities and will not travel on private property unless authorized by the Assistant Transportation Coordinator.
  
12. Buses will enter private lanes or yards if the private lane is 4/10 of a mile or greater and the lane is maintained suitable for bus travel. This service will be provided only for K-8 students and will be provided until the youngest child is in grade 9.
  
13. Buses will enter private lanes to allow for the safe transport of students who reside on provincial highways as follows:
  - a. If, in the opinion of the Assistant Transportation Coordinator, daily traffic on a provincial Highway creates an elevated safety concern and/or the topography of the area reduce visibility to less than 1 kilometer in either direction of the student's residence. The age of the students being transported will also be taken into consideration.
  
  - b. Where lane service is deemed necessary, lane service may be authorized in the morning or the afternoon, whichever time is applicable to prevent the children from having to cross the highway, provided that:
    - i. The division has the permission of the parent to enter the yard;
    - ii. The lane and yard must be maintained to allow safe access for the bus driver.
  
  - c. Bus drivers have the discretion, as detailed in the School Bus Safety Guidelines to enter private lanes during severe weather conditions to improve the safety for students.
  
14. Where students choose to attend, through the schools of choice provision, a school outside of the assigned or catchment area school, transportation will not be provided unless the parent/guardian transports the child to a safe, mutually agreed location on the regular bus route within the catchment area of the school they choose to attend and space is available on the bus.
  
15. Where a rural residence is adjacent to a school catchment area boundary line, that family will have the option to determine which catchment area school their child(ren) will attend.
  
16. The division reserves the right to suspend the privilege of transportation to those pupils who through their actions on a bus endanger the health and/or safety of themselves or others.

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