

Board Policy 18

Student Transportation Services

The Board believes in providing a safe, caring and efficient transportation service for students.

Specifically

1. The Board shall provide transportation only for: approved pre-school children; registered K-12 students; approved supervisors; and employees in the carrying out of their duties.
2. The Board will determine by motion the transportation service areas for each school.
3. Transportation services shall be made available to all resident students residing two point four (2.4) kilometers or more from the school they are directed to attend.
4. Eligibility for transportation may be extended for ineligible students for safety reasons.
5. Transportation services for ECS students will be provided during regularly scheduled morning and after-school runs.
6. Safety of students shall be the prime consideration in determining walk distances and the location of bus stops.
7. Buses shall not enter onto private property to pick up or unload students, excepting the Director of Transportation Services may grant an exception, provided he has received written permission in the form of a "Hold Harmless Agreement".
8. Under normal weather and road conditions, scheduled one-way ride times to Division Schools shall not normally exceed one and a half (1.5) hours.



9. Enhanced Student Transportation Services
 - 9.1 Transportation services may be made available, at a fee, to students living less than 2.4 kilometers from their designated school who are ineligible for busing under Alberta Education transportation guidelines.
10. Supplemental Busing
 - 10.1 Supplemental busing services may be available at an additional fee for students who are accessing an additional service to/from an alternate address provided:
 - 10.1.1 There is space available on the bus, and,
 - 10.1.2 There is no significant diversion from regular routing that would impact cost effectiveness or ride time; and,
 - 10.1.3 Parents/guardians have paid a fee for service.
11. The Superintendent or designate may arrange for transportation of a student by a parent or legal guardian of that student and pay an allowance in lieu of Board provided transportation pursuant to Alberta School Grants Regulations when:
 - 11.1 A student has been directed to attend a school for which the student is unable to access Division transportation service; or
 - 11.2 The provision of Division transportation is not practical.
12. The Board may enter into transportation service agreements with other school divisions to transport their resident students to their schools.
13. Transportation Fees
 - 13.1 Transportation fees will not be charged to eligible students for regular transportation services.
 - 13.2 In cases of financial hardship fee payment options shall be made available for transportation fees.

- 13.3 Student transportation fees shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Board, normally before May 1.

Reference: Sections 45, 51, 52, 53, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Traffic Safety Act
School Bus Operation Regulation
Student Transportation Regulation 250/98 (amended AR187/2000)