

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) kilometres or more from the school they are directed to attend.
4. Ineligible students may be transported for safety reasons or on payment of a fee, if space is available on the bus.
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 Superintendent through the Director of Transportation Services may grant an exception, provided he has received written permission in the form of a "Hold Harmless Agreement" (Form 18-1).
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. The Board shall establish annual transportation fees for students no later than May 1.

10. 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:
 - 10.1 A student has been directed to attend a school for which the student is unable to access Division transportation service; or
 - 10.2 The provision of Division transportation is not practical.
11. The Board may enter into transportation service agreements with other school divisions to transport their resident students to their schools.

Reference: Sections 45, 51, 52, 53, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Traffic Safety Act
School Bus Operation Regulation
Student Transportation Regulation 250/98 (Amended A.R. 197/2000)