

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Board believes in the provision of safe transportation for eligible students from their designated pick up point to their designated school and back.

The Board also believes it is appropriate, when numbers warrant, for the Division to provide “School of Choice” transportation, for students to access programs which are not available at their designated school. However, “School of Choice” transportation, by school bus, is not guaranteed.

Specifically

1. All students requesting transportation services from the Division require authorization from the Superintendent or designate.
2. Under normal circumstances, only authorized passengers will be transported.
3. The Board will provide for the transportation of students who reside 2.4 km or further from their designated school.
4. The Board may provide transportation for students residing less than 2.4 km from their designated school, or choosing to attend a school other than their designated school. Excepting for health and safety reasons, as individually established, these students will be required to pay an annual fee as determined by the Board. The associated transportation fee will be established during the budget process.
5. The boarding allowance and associated revenues provided by Alberta Education will be forwarded to the parent/guardian of the student qualifying for this financial support.
6. Non-resident students not covered by a transportation agreement who have been authorized to access transportation services will be charged a fee which is established during the budget process.
7. A licensed child care facility within the attendance boundary may be designated as a pick up point. Written authorization from the parent must be provided for a student to access the transportation service at this point.
8. Students wishing to attend a “School of Choice” must receive approval from the Principal of the requested school.
9. “School of Choice” transportation fees will be established annually during the budget process.

10. Students will be considered for registration with the Transportation Department after the application form and “School of Choice” transportation fee have been received by the Superintendent or designate.
11. The Superintendent or designate will compile, annually, the data on “School of Choice” transportation requests.
12. Transportation routes will be reviewed annually, and, when numbers warrant, may be adjusted to accommodate “School of Choice” requests if the distance to the “School of Choice” is deemed eligible in the Alberta Education Funding Manual for School Authorities.
13. In some instances, “School of Choice” students may only be accommodated by meeting an existing regular program bus on route in the attendance area of that school.

Legal Reference: Section 13, 45, 51, 52, 53, 60, 61, 113 School Act
 Traffic Safety Act
 Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation 121/2009
 Student Transportation Regulation 250/98 (Amended 125/2005)
 Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation 304/2002
 Vehicle Equipment Regulation 122/2009
 Funding Manual for School Authorities