

Pupil Transportation

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Policies Used / Referenced			

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to state the guidelines governing the conveyance of pupils in Anglophone South School District. The aim, first and foremost, is to ensure a safe, effective, equitable, and consistent level of service to all students. Conveyance of students on a bus is a privilege, not a right.

In accordance with Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of New Brunswick Regulation 2001-51 under the Education Act, the Superintendent must provide for the transportation of pupils to and from school for pupils who are entitled to conveyance privileges.

The drivers or conveyors are responsible for the safety and well-being of the pupils on the buses. With this intention, they must, among other things, check for the good condition of the vehicle, practice preventative maintenance, and maintain order and discipline during conveyance.

Whereas safety is of prime importance, non-compliance by a pupil of the codes of conduct which can endanger the safety of any occupant of the school vehicle or cause damage to the school vehicle may result in the suspension of this service to that pupil. Bus suspensions, beyond 5 consecutive days, can be appealed.

The pupil transportation system will:

- Ensure the safety of pupils while traveling on our buses;
- Minimize wait-times for pupils;
- Consider special circumstances in the delivery of service to pupils with a disability or problems of a medical nature; and
- Operate efficiently and within budgetary responsibility

Procedures

Walking distance for pupils

- The maximum walking distance to school under the Education Act is fixed at 2.4 kms for pupils from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- ASD-S presently has a 1.5km walking distance to school; this service is available for as long as operationally possible with the resources we have.

Pupil Transportation**Points of Loading and Unloading:**

- The Superintendent or designate shall determine loading points along each conveyance school bus run.
- No pupil shall be taken on or discharged from a school vehicle except at such designated points.
- Loading and unloading points shall be positioned a minimum of 300 meters apart to allow a safe distance between designated stops.
- Drivers are not permitted to add\change assigned stops.

Conveyance Privileges:

Designation of loading points (Regulation 2001-51 Under the Education Act)

Criteria for the reassessment of the provision of bus service on a public road not on the regular bus route (Pupil Transportation Practical Guides; Provincial Guidelines on Bus Stops and District Guidelines):

- Medical conditions of students, supported by physician certification; may be for partial year or full-year
- Reassessment of road, based on distance greater than 1.5 kilometers
- Safety concerns as determined by the District
- Availability of suitable turning spot
- Provincial guidelines on bus stops

Reference

- New Brunswick Education Act, Chapter E-1.12
- New Brunswick Regulation (2001-51)
- Provincial Transportation Policies
 - Acquisition and Disposal of School Buses Policy Statement #501
 - School Vehicle Inspections and Maintenance Policy Statement #504
 - Pupil Conveyance - Hazardous Routes Policy Statement #506
 - Transport of Disabled Children Attending Public School Policy Statement #507
 - School Bus Driver Training Program Policy Statement #508
 - Student Crosswalks Policy Statement #509
 - Procedures for Accidents Involving a School Vehicle Policy Statement #510
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Policy 101 - Financial Responsibilities of School Districts
- CUPE Collective Agreement, Local 1253 - Group: General Labor, Trades and Services, Part 11.