

TRANSPORTATION

This policy is aligned with and supports the principles and expectations of the Board's Human Rights policy (Policy 51) and the Equity and Inclusive Education policy (Policy 54). At all times, this policy should be interpreted to be consistent with the Board's policies and the *Human Rights Code*.

School bus services are managed by Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR), a consortium formed by agreement between the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. STOPR is responsible for implementing the policies of each Board and for overseeing the daily operations and administration of student transportation services within the region. Safe transportation of students, operating procedures and additional information supporting this policy can be found at www.stopr.ca.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

1. **Eligibility to Regular Day Schools and Elementary Extended and French Immersion Programs**

- (a) The Board's eligibility distances for transportation are:

Kindergarten - Grade 1 students	1.0 km
Grades 2 – 4 students	1.6 km
Grades 5 – 8 students	2.0 km
Secondary students	3.8 km

The eligibility distances measured are the shortest, safe walking route along sidewalks, roadways and pedestrian walkways from school property line to home property line. This measurement is made **exclusively** using the geographic information system (GIS) component of the Board's transportation management software. Additional information is outlined in [STOPR002 Transportation Eligibility](#).

- (b) The maximum distance a student may be required to walk to a bus stop is:

Kindergarten students	0.4 km
Grades 1 – 6 students	0.8 km
Grades 7 – 12 students	1.2 km

Additional information is outlined in [STOPR003 Walking Distance to the Bus Stop](#).

- (c) The Board does not provide busing for secondary Extended or French Immersion programs with the exception of students residing within the approved boundaries and enrolled in either of these programs at Humberview Secondary School.
- (d) The Board does not provide busing for Regional Programs.
- (e) Special Education students requiring busing accommodation will be transported in accordance with [STOPR019 Special Education Transportation](#).

- (f) The Board will not accept responsibility for the transportation of students taking advantage of the flexible boundary policy. [Board Policy 19](#) provides additional information.

2. Courtesy Transportation

Students may be granted a courtesy seat if space is available on an existing bus route. Applications must be submitted in September, on an annual basis, to the home school principal and are subject to [STOPR013 Courtesy Transportation](#).

3. Bus Privilege Cards

The principal may issue bus privilege cards to students. Where bus privilege cards are issued, bus drivers are required to enforce the conditions printed on the back of each card, and may collect the card of any student who does not conform to the regulations. The bus drivers will report to the school principal, as soon as possible, any incident which required them to collect the card, and the principal will determine what action, if any, is to be taken.

4. Student Conduct

Students will not be removed from a school bus until they reach the school or their home. If student behaviour is endangering the safety of driver or other passengers, the bus driver will pull over and contact the police. Student(s) will be written up on a misconduct form, which is submitted to the school principal. Further information is outlined in [STOPR020 Student Code of Conduct](#).

5. Operational Functions

STOPR is responsible for all operations and service parameters pertaining to home to school student transportation including determination of student eligibility for transportation, route planning, bus stop changes and service complaints. An appeal process for parent(s)/guardian(s) in disagreement with operational issues is detailed in [STOPR028 Transportation Appeal Process](#).

6. Inclement Weather

Buses may be cancelled due to inclement weather. For further information, refer to [STOPR029 Service Cancellation Due To Inclement Weather](#).

7. Accidents

If the school bus is involved in an accident or incident, the driver will immediately contact dispatch and deploy appropriate procedures to ensure the safety of all passengers. Additional information is outlined in [STOPR025 Accident Procedures](#).

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