

POLICY 6.70 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL

The Board of Education recognizes the rural nature of the District and safe and accessible transportation plays a key role in the provision of education programs for some students. In accordance with the *School Act*, transportation for students going to and from school is provided at the discretion of the Board.

The Board is required to develop and submit to the Ministry, annually, a Joint First Nation Students Transportation Plan for First Nations served by the Board which guides the transportation services for each First Nation needing transportation for their First Nation Students to a District school.

It is a parent/guardian's responsibility to determine how their children will safely travel to and from school or to and from the bus pick-up and drop-off locations.

The following factors are considered when determining the provision of transportation services:

- whether there are sufficient students to justify the service,
- whether road conditions are suitable for school buses,
- the distance affected students live from the nearest school,
- available funding, and
- the need for operational efficiencies.

The needs of students with a disability or diverse ability shall be fully considered in planning transportation services.

It is recognized that bus transportation routes may not satisfy the requests of all parents/guardians.

Guidelines

1. Where school bus transportation is established, eligible riders include:
 - 1.1. Primary (K-3) students residing more than 4.0 kilometres from a public school; or
 - 1.2. Students in grades 4-12 residing more than 5.0 kilometres from their neighbourhood school.
2. The Board may provide transportation assistance to parents/guardians who transport students outside the limits described above.