

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



There is a policy on school transportation for Anglophone School District South.

This policy aims to ensure the safety of students, optimize efficiency and operating costs of the transport system and ensure that all students spend the least possible time on board the bus. This policy stems from the Education Act of New Brunswick.



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Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for school transportation services, a student will:

- *reside within the school boundaries*
- *reside more than 1.5km from the school of residence*
- *have special needs identified by student services*

Not allowed on bus:

- Food or drink
- Live animals, reptiles, insects, etc.
- Firearms, ammunition, knives, explosive devices, fire crackers or other dangerous materials
- Large musical instruments;
- Skateboards
- Balloons
- Glass containers
- Large Sports Equipment

Such items will be confiscated and appropriate discipline will follow.



For the Transportation system to be safe and effective we must know that:

- *Buses do not stop at all addresses;*
- *the centralized bus stops are created so that more students are getting on or off the bus at the same time. When possible, these judgments are generally established on public land;*
- *bus stops are set so that students do not have to walk more than 1500 meters from the students place of residence;*
- *Buses do not enter private streets and do not cross private property;*
- *bus drivers do not wait for latecomers;*
- *bus drivers are not allowed to release students off at an unscheduled address unless permissions has been issued by the school principal in collaboration with Transportation staff and only in emergency situations (notes from parents are not accepted);*
- *school district transportation staff will automatically refuse applications for bus stop changes when existing stops are within the parameters of the policy on school transportation safety and walking distances.*



Responsibilities of students in school transportation

For student to maintain the privilege to be transported to school by bus, the student must:

- comply with regulations and guidelines;
- be respectful of other students as well as the driver
- respect personal property and the school bus, or risk having to repay any damage to the bus or property

For more information about school transportation, visit our website at

<http://asd-s.nbed.nb.ca>



Responsibilities of parents in school transportation

Student safety is a shared responsibility. Everyone, including parents, must coordinate their actions to ensure maximum safety when transporting our children to and from school. Parents should:

- ensure the safety of their child while travelling to and from their stop as well as while waiting at the stop;
- ensure their child is at the bus stop no later than five minutes before the regularly scheduled pickup time;
- review the rules of conduct and safety measures on school transportation with their child;
- notify the school as soon as possible (at least five days in advance) of any changes to the primary or secondary address to avoid any delays or confusion in the transportation services;
- students from kindergarten to grade 2 whose parents have not authorized in writing for their child to be dropped off without an adult being present will be transported back to the school where the parent will be contacted to make arrangements for pickup

It is important to understand that the responsibility of the school district begins when the student boards the bus and ends when the student exits the bus in the afternoon. Parents have the responsibility to ensure the safety of their child between the home and the designated bus stop and while waiting for the bus at the stop.

If a parent fears for the safety of their child when walking to the bus stop, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that the child is accompanied.

Requesting a Bus Stop change...

Requests to change bus stops must be made using the form provided for this purpose, available on our website. While a change request is considered, the assigned bussing for the student will continue unchanged until a judgment has been reached by district staff.

Anglophone School District South does not consider change requests when submitted for the following reasons:

- there is no sidewalk;
- weather or road conditions;
- too dense or too fast traffic;
- parked cars along street;
- the child must cross the street;
- the child is alone at designated stop;
- an adult is not able to accompany a child to the stop;
- a bus passes the residence;
- stop affects multiple students

The only two eligibility criteria that will apply are:

- walking distance does not meet the standards of the school district;
- the location has been deemed unsafe by district staff

