

# North East Tri-Board Student Transportation Service du transport scolaire des trois-conseils du Nord Est



SCHOOL BUS SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF COCHRANE AND TIMISKAMING  
LE TRANSPORT SCOLAIRE AUX DISTRICTS SCOLAIRE DE COCHRANE ET TIMISKAMING

## GP02: Joint Transportation Eligibility Policy

### Preamble:

Amendments or deletions to this policy must be processed through the Joint Transportation Governance Committee (JTGC) and approved by the JTGC prior to presentation and subsequent approval by individual Boards.

### Policy:

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. The Board may offer, as a privilege, a transportation service to the pupils registered in its schools.
- 1.2. To maintain this privilege, every pupil is responsible for his or her behaviour to the principal of the school attended when travelling on school buses.
- 1.3. Every registered pupil attending one of the schools of the Board may have access to a means of transportation if he or she meets all the following conditions:
  - 1.3.1. the pupil attends the school assigned by the Board, and
  - 1.3.2. resides at a distance from the school that is greater than the walking distances established by the Board in Section 4: Walking Distances.
- 1.4. A pupil may lose all or part of their transportation privileges if they do not meet the criteria of a the Regular Use of a School Bus as described in the School Bus Rider Usage Policy.

#### 2. EXCEPTIONS

- 2.1. Exceptions may be made for a pupil for whom walking poses a danger.
- 2.2. Exceptions may be made for a pupil having special needs:
  - 2.2.1. A pupil having physical or intellectual disabilities.
  - 2.2.2. A pupil who has been injured or is ill (Doctor's Note Required).
- 2.3. Exceptions may be made for students enrolled in a cooperative education course with the following conditions.
  - 2.3.1. Schools offering a cooperative education program and requesting transportation for some of their pupils have to pay the expenses involved.
  - 2.3.2. This service is available if there is space on the bus and if the request does not cause a change of route.
  - 2.3.3. The pupil can have access to this service if the distance between his or her work place and the school or home exceeds the walking distance established by the Board.
- 2.4. Exceptions may be made for all other reasons deemed as valid by the Director of Education of the Board.

#### 3. ALTERNATE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

- 3.1. In special circumstances, the Board can approve and subsidize other means of transportation.

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3.2. If pupils are required to travel by boat, snow-machines and/or other means of transportation, it is necessary that approved life jackets, helmets, and other safety equipment be worn as required by Transport Canada and/or other provincial legislation, except on commercially operated passenger vessels/vehicles which operate in compliance with all regulations and are licensed by Transport Canada.

#### 4. WALKING DISTANCES

4.1. Eligible students who reside, or whose caregiver resides more than the following distances by public road or publicly owned and maintained access route from the designated school may be provided transportation:

	JK/SK	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9 -12
<b>Distance</b>	All are bused	.8 km	.8 km	.8 km	1.6 km	1.6 km	1.6 km	1.6 km	1.6 km	2.6 km
<b>Distance to a stop or less</b>	.3 km	.5 km	.5 km	.5 km	.5 km	.5 km	.5 km	.5 km	.5 km	1.0 km