## 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

## **GP07: Joint Custody Transportation 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. A student who resides at more than one residence in a joint custody situation may be provided separate transportation assignments for each home address if;
  - 1.1.1. the student will be residing on a regular basis on a weekly rotation, from Monday pick up to Friday drop off, at separate addresses or,
  - 1.1.2. the student will be residing on a regular basis on a two-week rotation, from Monday pick up to Friday drop off, at separate addresses.
  - 1.1.3. at the discretion of the Director of Education or their designate provided that;
    - a. the transportation office can accurately manage the schedule in the pupil transportation software,
    - b. there is confidence that the safety of the student will not be risked,
    - c. and the liability upon the school bus operator is considered.
- 1.2. The students must qualify as being eligible for transportation under the GP02 Joint Transportation Eligibility Policy.
- 1.3. There is sufficient room on a school bus to accommodate the student.

#### 2. Application

- 2.1. In order to apply for joint custody transportation, the parent and/or guardian who has the authority to make educational decision for the student must provide:
  - 2.1.1. a submitted transportation request indicating;
    - a. the addresses from where the student will be requiring transportation,
    - b. the schedule of the student's custody described in the transportation request.
    - c. a school year calendar indicating the schedule of the student's custody.
- 2.2. All decisions on the outcome joint custody transportation applications will be made by the Director of Education of the student's school board or their designate.

### 3. Duration

- 3.1. All arrangements for joint custody transportation will endure unless;
  - 3.1.1. the student is no longer eligible for transportation,
  - 3.1.2. a new application is approved for joint custody transportation under section 2.
  - 3.1.3. the student no longer requires joint custody transportation,
  - 3.1.4. the student is no longer eligible as per Section 1 of this policy.

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- 3.1.5. the student has lost their transportation privileges under OP02 School Bus Rider Use Policy.
- 3.1.6. the student's schedule has changed from the originally approved schedule.

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