

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Board believes the priority of transportation services is to provide safe transportation for students to Board designated programs within Northland School Division.

School bus transportation service is provided in accordance with provisions of the School Act, and the specifications outlined in this policy. Responsibility for students' safety and well-being is retained by the parents or guardian of the student up until the students are picked up by the school bus and after they are dropped off by the school bus.

Specifically

1. The Board will provide transportation at no cost for students:
 - 1.1 Eligible for provincial transportation funding: over 2.4 km from their designated school.
2. The Board supports the use of congregated bus stops to facilitate efficient busing and ride times with consideration given to safety and feasibility of walk distances for age of student.
3. The school bus is an extension of the classroom and the same rules and discipline measures apply to the student on the bus as in the classroom. The Bus Driver is in charge on the bus and students must listen and comply with the Bus Driver's rules.
4. Transportation services for students on-reserve to Northland Schools shall be as per contract.
5. Non-resident students transported by Northland School division must be covered by a transportation agreement.
6. The Board will endeavor to provide transportation for students residing less than 2.4 km from their designated school.
7. The Alberta Education transportation conveyance allowance may be forwarded to a parent of a student qualifying for alternative transportation services.
8. Funding received for a student may be forwarded to a parent of a student directed by the Board to attend a school of another board or an organization or agency providing special education services, that requires the student to be absent from their home community.
9. The Board shall approve all school attendance and transportation service areas.
10. For safety reasons, where practical, student pick-ups and drop-offs, will be organized so that students who are picked up first in the morning are dropped off first in the afternoon.

Legal Reference: Section 13, 45, 45.1, 51, 52, 53, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Traffic Safety Act
Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation 121/2009
Student Transportation Regulation

Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation 304/2002
Vehicle Equipment Regulation 122/2009
Funding Manual for School Authorities