



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

Rationale

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board and Limestone District School Board are equal members of The Tri-Board Student Transportation Services Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, subject to the Ontario Corporations Act.

The principal business of the corporation is the provision of safe, secure, on-time transportation and related services to the students of the member boards.

The three members of The Tri-Board Student Transportation Services Inc. have entered into a student transportation agreement to provide effective service in accordance with the Education Act and its regulations, the Highway Traffic Act, Ministry of Education guidelines and other applicable legislations.

The Transportation of Students policy applies to each of the member boards and is administered by the Chief Executive Officer of the Tri-Board Student Transportation Services Inc.

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board through Tri-Board Student Transportation Services Inc. may provide transportation to and from school for school programs for a student of member boards and may provide transportation services to other school boards and organizations.

Eligibility Distance

Students whose primary address is within the school's attendance boundary and is equal to or greater than the Minimum Distance from the School, as set out in the table at 4), are eligible to receive student transportation services.

- 1) Eligible students will be assigned to a bus stop that is no farther than the Maximum Distance to the Bus Stop as set out in the table at 4), as measured by Tri-Board from the same point identified in 2).

- 2) The Eligibility Distances are measured from a point identified by Tri-Board that is located on an assumed and maintained city, township or county road or provincial highway and that is closest to the property line/ residential entrance of the student's primary address.
- 3) In addition to the location of the primary address, the student's grade level will be considered in determining the eligibility distances for transportation services, as set out in the table at 4).
- 4) Eligibility requirements are set out below:

| Grade Level | Minimum Distance from the School | Maximum Distance to the Bus Stop |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 | 1.6 km | 0.8 km |
| Grade 7 & 8 | 3.2 km | 0.8 km |
| Grade 9 to 12 | 3.2 km | 1.6 km |

- 5) The elementary school will notify those grade 7 students who become ineligible for transportation service due the minimum distance from the school requirements of this change prior to the start of their grade 7 school year.

Guiding Principles

- It is the policy of the Boards to provide transportation in accordance with Ministry of Education guidelines and the Highway Traffic Act, subject to provisions of the Education Act and regulations.
- It is the prime objective of the Board and Tri-Board Student Transportation Services Inc. to provide policy direction for the provision of safe, secure, on time transportation to the students with the aim of equalized education opportunity and improving the level of education for all students in the jurisdiction.

References

Ministry of Education Guidelines

Education Act and Regulations

Highway Traffic Act

ALCDSB Caring and Safe Catholic Schools Policy and Administrative Procedures

ALCDSB Safe Arrival Policy and Administrative Procedures

Administrative Procedures

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