



4.8 Transportation To and From School

The Board of Education, as authorized by the *School Act*, will share the responsibility with parents/guardians for safe, efficient transportation to and from school for eligible students in accordance with the following guidelines:

Guidelines

1. The Board shall provide transportation or transportation assistance to all students in the District who live outside the Ministry of Education established prescribed walk limits as indicated below:

Grade K – 3	4.0 km. (2.5 miles) from school
Grade 4 – 12	4.8 km. (3 miles) from school

 - 1.1 Walk limits are the distance from the recognized public road access of the student's property to the nearest school or bus stop.
 - 1.2 Transportation of students, not attending the school designated for their residence, by parent/guardian request, shall be the responsibility of parents/guardians.
 - 1.3 Students with physical disabilities, identified in accordance with Ministry guidelines, are eligible for transportation or transportation assistance regardless of walk limits.
2. Transportation assistance will be paid in accordance with Ministry policy.
 - 2.1 Applications for transportation assistance must be made annually.
 - 2.2 The distance is calculated according to the method for determining walk limits.
3. A student living within walk limits may be provided transportation conditional upon space being available on an existing bus route and no additional waiting times for eligible riders. Any fees for this service will be established by the Board of Education.

- 3.1 The criteria for providing transportation to students who live within walk limits, in order of priority, will be:
 - a) health conditions;
 - b) age of student, youngest riders have priority;
 - c) distance from school; and
 - d) other influencing factors.
- 3.2 The privilege of students riding the bus within walk limits may be discontinued at any time.
4. Requests for new bus routes or extensions to existing bus routes shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer in writing. Requests shall be evaluated based on the following priorities:
 - i. needs of the student affected, including health needs;
 - ii. cost of providing the service;
 - iii. the number of students directly affected;
 - iv. space limitations of the particular bus route;
 - v. implications for other students on the affected route; and
 - vi. road conditions of proposed route or extension.
- 4.1 The Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to approve or decline requests based on above criteria.
5. All school bus routes will be reviewed annually to ensure the continued application of the conditions stipulated by this policy.