

## 2023-24 Transportation Frequently Asked Questions

# Our family lives less than 2.4 km from our designated school. Are we still able to receive bus service?

For the 2023-24 school year, if you live closer than 2.4 km from your designated school, you may apply for bus service. To be approved, there must be space on the bus route, your child must use an existing bus stop, and a bus fee may apply. Students living closer than 2.4 km will be assigned to a bus as space allows.

#### What are the bus fees?

Parents are required to pay a fee for Kindergarten-Grade 6 students who live closer than 1 km to their designated school and Grade 7-12 students who live closer than 2 km to their assigned school. These fees are subject to annual review.

Students who live less than 2.4 km to their designated school and meet the new distance eligibility criteria listed above will not be assessed a transportation fee in the 2023-24 school year.

If your children are riders on buses operated by another school division, please contact their transportation department directly, for their terms, conditions and fees.

#### What is the registration deadline?

The registration deadline for the 2023-24 school year is noon on June 15, 2023. Any registrations received after June 15, 2023 will be processed in August as space allows.

#### How will transportation registrations be processed?

All students living 2.4 km or more from their designated school will be assigned transportation. As space allows, preference will be given to existing riders living closer than 2.4 km to their designated school. Any remaining seats will be assigned to newly registered students in the following order: Kindergarten-Grade 3 living 1 km or further from their designated school (including any siblings requiring transportation), Grade 4-6 students living 1 km or further from their designated school, and finally any Grade 7-12 students living 2 km or further from their designated school.

I received an email requesting a response by July 12 to confirm my registration, why? To address waitlist students in a timely fashion, we ask families who are assessed a fee to confirm that they still wish to have access to transportation services. If you do not respond to this email, your registration will be removed. Please check your email regularly on the status of your registration in the first week of July.

I ticked the Transportation Box when I registered at the school, is that all I have to do? No. The school registration form has a tick box for transportation, and you must complete a separate <u>transportation registration form</u> to be placed on a bus.

### My child(ren) has been placed on a waiting list, now what?

It will take some time to build capacity to allow us to accommodate newly eligible students who may wish to access transportation. As routes are added, parents/guardians will be updated on waiting list progress as it is possible changes will be made to bus routes part way through the school year.