

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Section BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

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Management Guideline Applies

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POLICY

It is the policy of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board to provide safe, efficient, economical, and affordable transportation to eligible students pursuant to The Education Act S.190 (1) which states: "A board may provide for a pupil who is enrolled in a school that the board operates transportation to and from the school that the pupil attends".

The Board considers transportation to be a privilege and not a right, and such transportation may be revoked or the levels of service changed at the Board's discretion.

The Board shall endeavor to provide transportation routes and designated bus stops with the understanding that the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall see their children safely to and from the designated stops. The parent(s)/guardian(s) are deemed to be responsible for their children prior to boarding the bus and after they have disembarked from the bus.

PROCEDURES

Throughout this document Board shall mean the Superior-Greenstone District School Board, and Director shall mean the Director of Education (equivalent) or designate, which may include the Transportation Officer for the Board. ETBTC shall mean the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium.

The Board has entered into a transportation consortium agreement with coterminous boards, for reasons of efficiency and cost savings, and to ensure common service levels for the students of all member boards.

All transportation services are provided by the ETBTC, upon which each participating member board provides a delegate who sits on the operational board of directors for the consortium, as a voting member.

The following procedures outline the terms and conditions under which the Board may provide transportation to their students:

1.0 Eligibility

Resident students registered in and attending a school operated by the Board and who permanently reside, or whose parent(s)/guardian(s) permanently resides, more than the following distances by public road or publicly owned and maintained access route from the designated school may be provided transportation:

JK and SK	0.2 km
Grades 1, 2, 3	1.2 km
Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1.6 km
Grades 9 – OAC	3.2 km

Students will be permitted to ride only on the buses and routes assigned to them. Use of any other route without prior approval of the ETBTC is not permitted.

All distances mentioned will be the shortest distance by public road, public sidewalk, or publicly owned and maintained access route between home and school and shall be measured from where the laneway or driveway joins the public road. Students within the distances specified above may be transported for reasons of safety (major highways, major railway crossings, etc.) rather than distance, at the discretion of the Director.

Where a student, at the request of the parent(s)/guardian(s), has been granted permission to attend a school other than the designated school for that area within the same board, the parent/guardian is responsible for transporting the student.

Students placed in another school of the Board, at the Board’s discretion, may be eligible for transportation.

Transportation may be provided to co-operative education students of the Board provided the distance criteria are met, there is room on the bus, and there is no route deviation.

Special transportation may be provided for exceptional students upon the approval of the Director in consultation with the Special Education Advisory Committee.

2.0 Anaphylactic Students and Emergency Planning for Transportation

In an effort to provide safe transportation for students identified as anaphylactic, the ETBTC will work with the bus operators/companies to ensure the appropriate training is delivered to drivers and replacement drivers to deal with medical emergencies.

A bus disaster procedure will be established at each school, implemented, and reviewed on an annual basis by the school principal in conjunction with student safety training. The SGDSB bus disaster procedural guideline will be reviewed on an annual basis. All contact information required by the Procedural Guideline will be updated by the school.

Bus evacuation training and drills shall be coordinated, with the schools, by the ETBTC consortium through the bus service companies.

References
<u>The Education Act</u>
Superior-Greenstone DSB Board Policies:
524 - Sabrina’s Law (Anaphylaxis)