

ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS

Background

Transportation services for students who require extraordinary support are to be provided where possible, balancing the needs of the student with the requirement to safely transport all students to school. Requests for the transportation of a student requiring extraordinary support shall be considered on the individual circumstances of the student and the collective circumstances of the bus and bus route.

Procedures

1. Students with special needs that are mobile and exhibit a high level of self-control may be transported on the same basis as a regular passenger in accordance with [Administrative Procedure 560 Student Transportation – Home and School](#).
2. Students with special needs who require extraordinary support who are not mobile or do not exhibit a high level of self control may be transported to and from school provided that:
 - 2.1 An evaluation of the student has been completed by the Inclusive Education Department to provide information to assist with a decision.
 - 2.2 An Individual Education Plan (IEP) has been completed; such plan to include specific program needs that relate to riding independently.
 - 2.3 The Director of Instruction Inclusive Education is responsible for directing specific modifications that may be required to attend to the specific needs of the student.
 - 2.4 The bus driver, parents, Principal and Education Assistant keep an open line of communications regarding the needs and progress of the student.
 - 2.5 Where the student is secured through a harness or locking mechanism (as in the case of a wheelchair) that appropriate arrangements be made by the bus driver to release the student and assist them to safety in the case of an emergency.
3. Students with a disability such that they are unable to ride a regular bus or in other circumstances may be provided with a transportation assistance allowance.
4. Application for this transportation service must be made jointly by the School Principal and parent/guardian(s) of the student.

Reference: *School Act* Sections 22, 23, 65, 85
Policy 17 School District Transportation Services

Related Administrative Procedures:
351 Bus Conduct
560 Student Transportation – Home and School