

502.5 Student Transportation/Busing

Policy

Transportation shall be made available to students who qualify based on Alberta Education transportation regulations and funding guidelines.

Regulations

1. For the purpose of this policy, student transportation refers to regularly scheduled bussing and/or parent/guardian contracts.
2. The policy and funding applies to students who are within the boundaries of the Division.
3. Any contractors employed to provide transportation services shall share with the Division the responsibility for the safety of students while being transported.
4. The Division provides bussing service to students enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12 who reside within the distance prescribed by the Alberta Government to qualify for funding.
5. The Division may also provide transportation to Division programs that are located in specific schools or other facilities.
6. For eligible grade 1-12 students, the Division provides busing to school in the morning and from school after dismissal.
7. Eligible kindergarten students may access the buses going to the school, and buses going home after school.
8. The type of transportation service to be provided shall depend upon the number of students involved. The following types of service may be provided:
 - 8.1. regular buses contracted or owned by the Division;
 - 8.2. transportation on regular city buses with the issuance of public transit passes managed by the Division Transportation Coordinator; or
 - 8.3. a contract with the parent/guardian of the student whereby the parent/guardian will convey the student to and from school or the bus route and receive payment.
9. Students are expected to conform to established expectations for behaviour on the bus and at bus stops. Any breach of conduct may result in withdrawal of transportation services for an individual.

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10. In the event of delays in transporting students home such as a school bus breakdown, road conditions, or a return to the school for discipline reasons, the bus driver shall immediately notify the dispatcher who shall, in turn, notify the school's administrator. If school personnel cannot be reached, the dispatcher shall contact the Education Centre. Communication regarding the disruption will be provided to parents.
11. In the event that a bus is involved in an accident, parents/guardians will be contacted in a timely and appropriate manner based on the circumstances.
12. Student transportation on Division owned buses shall adhere to the guidelines of the Division Transportation Safety and Maintenance Program.

The Board delegated to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

References

Education Act:	36, 37, 59 Alberta Education School Transportation Regulation 76/2022
Division Policies:	501.3 School Attendance Areas, 602.2 French Immersion, 605.1 Inclusive Learning Supports, , 502.1 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments, 607.1 Field Trips, Off-campus Activities, and Student Travel
Other:	Lethbridge School Division Transportation Safety and Maintenance Program.