



Lethbridge School Division partners with Holy Spirit Catholic School Division and <u>Southland Transportation Ltd.</u> to provide school bus transportation services for students travelling to our schools.

We are currently working to implement the recent changes announce by the Government of Alberta regarding eligibility, distances and funding for September 1, 2024.

To assist with planning and ensure sufficient space on busses, riders will be **REQUIRED TO REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 28, 2024** in order to access transportation services for the 2024/2025 school year.

More information on transportation, including details on the MyBusStop app, can be found on the Division website by clicking on this link: <u>TRANSPORTATION</u>.

REGISTRATION FOR TRANSPORTATION

Families of eligible students should have received an email in May, asking them to complete an online *Transportation Registration Form* in SchoolEngage. If you did not receive an email, please contact the Transportation Department at <u>Transportation@lethsd.ab.ca</u> to confirm your eligibility and arrange for a form to be assigned for your child.

This is for Grades 1-12. Kindergarten registration forms will be sent in August.

To access your SchoolEngage Account:

For Current Families who already have access to PowerSchool

- 1. Log into PowerSchool—Parent Account. If you need help logging into PowerSchool, please contact your child's school directly.
- 2. On the left-hand-side navigation bar, click on <u>SchoolEngage</u>. This will redirect you to SchoolEngage logged in as your parent account.
- 3. In SchoolEngage, go to the left-hand-side navigation bar and click on <u>Students</u> (this will expand with a list of your students)
- 4. Click on the student with the red notification icon (this will take you to the student's user page)
- 5. On the right-hand-side, click on the Uncategorized Forms (this will expand the list of forms)
- 6. On the right –hand-side, click on the <u>Bussing Registration Form 2024/2025</u> section (this will expand the form's options)
- 7. Click on the blue square icon to be redirected to the form itself. Once your form is filled out and your transportation registration is approved, you will receive an email notification.

For New Families who move into the Division or current families who change residence during the Summer:

Contact the Transportation Department at <u>Transportation@lethsd.ab.ca</u>. We will confirm eligibility and assign a *Transportation Registration Form* if applicable.

The school Division is committed to providing transportation to students who register for services before **June 28, 2024**. Please be aware that, riders who do NOT register by **June 28, 2024** may have bus service delayed at the beginning of the 2024/2025 school year.

Bus route information for the upcoming school year is expected to be available in mid to late August and may be found on Southland's Lethbridge webpage at: <u>http://www.southland.ca/lethbridge.</u>

Families will also have the opportunity to use Southland Transportation Ltd.'s GPS tracking service app, MyBusStop, which provides real-time information about bus location, route stops, schedules, and possible delays. For more information, and to find your school's code, visit https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/transportation/mybusstop-app.

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION NOTES:

- Transportation services are provided to school at the beginning of the school day and from school at the end of the school day to the student's primary residence. Students are not permitted to ride the bus to a friend's or relative's house, daycare, parent's workplace, etc.
- The Transportation Coordinator utilizes Government approved software to calculate the distance that a student lives from their designated school. This official distance informs both eligibility and funding.