



SECTION B15

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation

Special transportation services are shared between the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board and the Avon Maitland District School Board. The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board pays the pro-rated share of its students directly to the Contractor.

The Roberts / Amethyst School (London, Ontario)

Students leave early Monday morning by van and return Friday afternoon. The students are picked up and dropped off at their residence location.

The W. Ross MacDonald School (Brantford, Ontario)

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board has students attending this school. The students leave home late Sunday afternoon by van. They are picked up at the school at noon on Fridays for return home. They are picked up and dropped off at their residences.

TRANSPORTATION

Purpose of the Standard

To provide details of the board's transportation policies to the ministry and to the public.

Special transportation is provided to a student who requires transportation arrangements other than the regular school bus either on a short-term or permanent basis.

Transportation of Special Needs students to either the neighbourhood school or to self-contained classes is provided in accordance with Board Policies 3F:1 and 3F:3 (copies attached).

Following are the types of students who qualify for special transportation:

- Students in special education programs provided outside their home school attendance area
- Students in educational programs in care, treatment and correctional facilities
- Students attending Provincial and Demonstration Schools
- Students who are physically unable to take the regular "yellow" school bus

Determining the Type of Transportation

The school will identify when a student requires special transportation. The Coordinator of Special Education/Curriculum will verify the type of transportation the student requires. This includes whether the student can ride with others and the length of time the special transportation is required.

The Transportation Consortium will give final approval, and arrange the type of service that best meets the needs of the student, based on the information provided by the Coordinator of Special Education/Curriculum.

Safety Criteria

Under the Board's contract, all drivers are required to hold a valid Ontario "B" or "E" class license. As well, the Operator shall not hire or retain in its employ any driver who has been convicted of a criminal activity that would result in the suspension of a Class "B" or "E" driver's license. The Contract also requires the Operator to provide driver training which meets or exceeds levels required for an Ontario "B" or "E" class license. The Operators provide First Aid/CPR training to their drivers.

Provincial Schools

Students are transported either daily or weekly depending on the individual program needs. Where possible, transportation is shared with other area School Boards. Residential students for Provincial Schools will be registered directly through John Grochot at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. There will be no contact with local School Board staffs for these placements. Parents of residential placements should be directed to John Grochot at 1-866-426-5288.

Day students at Provincial Schools will continue to be handled through the Co-Ordinator of Special Education/Curriculum for the 08/09 school year. Ministry of Education will continue to monitor Provincial School day placements over the next year and forthcoming changes are expected.

Transportation is provided in accordance with Board Policies 3F:1 and 3F:3 (copies attached).

Section 23 Classes

The Board provides transportation to Section 23 classes in Clinton and Stratford.

To make arrangements for Special Transportation
use Request for Special Transportation Form

THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SUBJECT:

TRANSPORTATION - SPECIAL EDUCATION
FACILITIES IN HURON AND PERTH COUNTIES

3F:1



POLICY STATEMENT:

Where the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board provides a Special Education facility in accordance with the Education Act, the Board will meet the needs of exceptional children and provide transportation each day as defined in the "Board's Current School Year Calendar".

PROCEDURE:

Where transportation by conventional means on existing routes will meet the pupils needs, such service shall be used. In all other circumstances, the following shall apply:

1. Transportation shall be by passenger car, station wagon or small van.
2. Pickup and delivery shall be at the pupil's place of residence and where necessary the parent shall assist the driver to load and unload the pupil.
3. The "Identification Placement and Review Committee" will when circumstances are unusual, prescribe the type of transportation service required should it differ from this Policy.

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August 30, 2004

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August 25, 1998
August 31, 2004

THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SUBJECT:

SCHOOL BUS – STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

3F:2



POLICY STATEMENT:

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board, in providing transportation for pupils, recognizes that school bus safety is of prime importance. Safety can only be ensured through responsible conduct and co-operation with the school bus driver. Pupils must be made aware that riding on a school bus is a privilege which can be suspended.

PROCEDURE:

1. Section 190(1), The Education Act, states that, “A Board MAY provide for,
 - a) a pupil who is enrolled in a school that the Board operates;
 - a.1) a resident pupil of the Board who is enrolled in a school operated by another Board under an agreement between the Boards;
 - b) a pupil in respect of whom the Minister pays the cost of education under the regulations, and
 - c) a child over two years of age who may, under the regulations, be admitted to a program for hearing-handicapped children transportation to and from the school that the pupil attends and to and from an activity that is part of the program of such school.”

2. School Bus rules are to be observed.
 - a) There shall be no consumption of food or beverage.
 - b) Smoking is prohibited and illegal by law.
 - c) Improper or profane language / conduct will not be tolerated.
 - d) Bulky equipment (skis, hockey sticks, etc) pets and the like are considered to be safety hazards and are not permitted on regular school bus routes. In such cases, parents should make their own arrangements. However, skates may be carried if in a canvass bag or equivalent.

3. Any pupil who is unwilling to co-operate with the driver in the observance of these regulations will be reported by the driver / contractor to the principal by completing the School Bus Incident Report (Appendix A).

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PROCEDURE:

4. The principal shall exercise such disciplinary action as seen fit within the framework of The Education Act, which states, Section 23(1) “A principal may suspend a pupil because of persistent truancy, persistent opposition to authority, habitual neglect of duty, the willful destruction of school property, the use of profane or improper language, or conduct injurious to the moral tone of the school or to the physical or mental well-being of others in the school and, where a pupil has been suspended, the principal shall notify forthwith in writing the pupil, his/her teachers, the parent or guardian of the pupil, the Board, the appropriate school attendance counsellor and the appropriate supervisory officer of the suspension.”

Pupils are responsible to the principal for their conduct on a school bus in the same manner as they are responsible to the principal for their conduct while at school.


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THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

<p><u>SUBJECT:</u></p> <p>TRANSPORTATION OF URBAN PUPILS - ELEMENTARY</p>	<p>3F:3</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">POLICY STATEMENT:</p> <p>The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board wishes to limit the walking distance of pupils from urban areas attending classes at its schools and will provide transportation from home to the assigned school of attendance and return, once daily, for all eligible pupils in accordance with the terms set out herein.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PROCEDURE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For pupils enrolled in regular classes and living in urban centres (where a Separate School exists, i.e., Clinton, Exeter, Goderich, Seaforth, St. Marys, Wingham, Zurich and the City of Stratford), within a 1.2 kilometre (three-quarter mile) radius (designated by the Board) from the assigned school, no transportation will apply. 2. For pupils enrolled in regular classes and living in urban centres specified in Item (1) beyond a 1.2 kilometre (three-quarter mile) radius (designated by the Board) from the assigned school, from pick-up points designated by the Board. 3. In small rural centres where no Separate School exists, from pick-up points specified by the Board. 4. For pupils attending optional French Immersion classes at a school designated by the Board, the preceding distances will apply. 5. It is understood that pupils may be required to walk a distance up to 1.2 kilometres (three-quarters of a mile) to reach pick-up points described in Items (2) and (3) above. 		
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School Bus Incident Report

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____ ROUTE #: _____

As per Policy 3F:2, School Bus – Student Responsibility, the privilege of riding on a school bus may be withdrawn for misconduct or interfering with the safe operation of a school bus.

Offence (check one or more)

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Noisy/Disruptive | <input type="checkbox"/> | Defiance of driver | <input type="checkbox"/> | Eating or drinking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Standing/Getting out of seat | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fighting | <input type="checkbox"/> | Willful damage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bothering/Endangering others | <input type="checkbox"/> | Obscene language | <input type="checkbox"/> | Misuse of windows | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Throwing objects | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smoking | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Driver's comments: _____

Actions previously taken _____

Driver's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Copy to Contractor (green)

Principal's Action: _____

Number of previous incidents: 0 1 2 3

Principal's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Original OSR (white) Parent (yellow) Transportation Dept. (pink)

Student Responsibility

STUDENTS must comply with all instructions from the driver and are responsible to the principal of the school for their conduct while traveling on a school bus and are required to observe the following rules:

- a) There shall be no consumption of food or beverage.
- b) Smoking is prohibited and illegal by law.
- c) Improper or profane language / conduct will not be tolerated.

d) Skates or other athletic equipment shall not be permitted on the bus unless properly guarded or in equipment bags.