

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.22 (VERNON)

BOARD POLICY NO: 2.6

School Bus Transportation To / From School	
Approval Date:	
Amendment Date(s):	
Reference:	

The Superintendent shall ensure that subsidized transportation to and from school is an option for students who live far from their catchment school or Program of Choice.

1. School Bus transportation routes shall be designed, where reasonably practicable, with consideration for safety, cost, efficiency of service, and environmental impact to
 - a. Accommodate Eligible Riders;
 - b. Pick up and drop off students no further than the Walk Limit from their home address;
 - c. Minimize time between pick up and start of classes; and
 - d. Minimize time between end of classes and drop off.
2. If no route is available, families of Eligible Riders not attending a Program of Choice will be offered financial assistance for transportation.
3. Remaining available seats shall be provided to Courtesy Riders.
4. The Superintendent shall, annually, bring forward fees charged to families for transportation to/from school to the Board for approval.
5. Definitions
 - 5.1. **"Walk Limit"** is 2.4km, as measured by the shortest walking distance by road and/ or recognized walking paths.
 - 5.2. **"Eligible Rider"** means a school-age student of School District 22 who is registered for transportation in a timely manner and:
 - Lives further than the Walk Limit from their school; or
 - Has a disability which significantly limits their mobility and
 - During the school year, continues to use provided transportation at least 50% of the time; and
 - Attends their catchment area school; or
 - Is grandparented into their school after a catchment boundary change; or
 - Attends a Program of Choice; or
 - Has been assigned by the Superintendent or delegate to a school other than their catchment area school.

- 5.3. **"Courtesy Rider"** means a school-age student of School District 22 who is registered for transportation and who is not an Eligible Rider.
- 5.4. **"Program of Choice"** means, French Immersion, Forestry, Montessori, Awaken Inquiry and Adventure Okanagan.

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