

POLICY 17

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Board believes the priority of transportation services is to provide safe transportation for students to Board-designated programs within the Northland School Division.

School bus transportation service is provided in accordance with the Education Act and the specifications outlined in this policy. The parents or guardians of the students retain responsibility for their safety and well-being until the students are picked up by the school bus and after they are dropped off by the school bus.

Specifically

1. The Board will provide transportation at no cost to students.
2. The Board supports the use of congregated bus stops to facilitate efficient busing and ride times, with consideration given to the safety and feasibility of walking distances for the student(s)'s age.
3. The school bus is an extension of the classroom, and the same rules and discipline measures apply to the students on the bus as in the classroom. The Bus Driver is in charge of the bus, and students must listen to and comply with the rules.
4. Transportation services for students on-reserve to Northland Schools shall be in accordance with the contract.
5. A transportation agreement must cover non-resident students transported by the Northland School Division.
6. The Alberta Education transportation conveyance allowance may be forwarded to a student's parent/guardian who qualifies for alternative transportation services.
7. Funding received for a student may be forwarded to a student's parent/guardian, who the Board has directed to attend a school of another board or an organization or agency providing special education services that require the student to be absent from their home community.
8. The Board shall approve all school attendance and transportation service areas.
9. For safety reasons, where practical, student pick-ups and drop-offs will be organized so that students who are picked up first in the morning are dropped off first in the afternoon.
10. Any transportation concerns can be directed to [AP 560 - Student Transportation Services](#).

Legal Reference: Section 3, 7, 11, 31, 32, 33, 51, 52, 53, 59, 222 Education Act
Traffic Safety Act
Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation 121/2009
Student Transportation Regulation
Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation 304/2002
Vehicle Equipment Regulation 122/2009
Funding Manual for School Authorities