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TRANSPORTATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

Transportation will be provided, if necessary, to physically challenged students, or students requiring a special education program as identified by a Special Education Identification, Placement or Review Committee, the Alternative to SE/IPRC process or the Early Facilitation Process (See Appendix "37", attached).

Transportation to Provincial and Demonstration Schools:

Any student who is a resident student of the Board and has been accepted in a provincial or demonstration school will be provided transportation from home to the particular school.

Transportation to Care, Treatment and Correctional Facilities (Section 23 Transportation):

Once a student has been enrolled into the agency the student becomes a non-resident pupil at the board. The Board will attempt to provide transportation on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners in the most cost efficient manner (See Appendix 37 Transportation Policy No. 203)

Transportation to attend summer programs is not provided by our Board.

Requests for special Transportation are submitted to the Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners:

Procedures

(See Appendix 7: Forms S9 and S10)

- The Principal shall inform/provide the bus operator and the driver with all relevant health and/or medication concerns. The information shall include emergency response, telephone numbers, etc.
- The Principal/Designate shall meet the students when they arrive at school and ensure the Board the proper vehicle to return home at the end of the school day.
- Where necessary the Principal of the school will advise the driver of students who must not be permitted to leave the vehicle unless they are met by an adult. If there is no adult present at the delivery point, the Bus Operator shall telephone the alternate contact to arrange drop-off for the student.
- Special care must be taken by the Operator to ensure that all students are properly seated and remain so at all times when the vehicle is in motion. If a driver has problems the matter shall be discussed with the Principal. The Principal shall contact the parents and discuss the problem with them and determine an amicable solution. SAFETY must be stressed at all times.

MOBILITY APPARATUS TRANSPORTATION

Regular Home to School

Mobility apparatus shall be constructed so that they can be legally secured. All new apparatus shall be inspected by Transportation Services staff and/or a bus company representative prior to providing transportation service. If an apparatus cannot be secured, transportation services shall not be provided.

EXCURSIONS

Where needed, students must ride a Mobility Apparatus Vehicle when travelling on school excursions. The Board's Excursion Policy states: "...all students should have the opportunity to participate in out-of-classroom activities. The principal must ensure that all students, for whom the activity applies, are informed and that no student is excluded or embarrassed by reason of a financial or any other handicap".

Safety Criteria

Drivers transporting special education students:

- a criminal check is required for all drivers before receiving their license
- all drivers transporting wheelchair students are trained in the tie-down procedure
- all drivers transporting students requiring harnesses are trained in securement of the harness
- currently our contract with the operators does not require first-aid training for all drivers, but most drivers transporting students with exceptional needs do have some first-aid training