



Student Transportation Services of York Region
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Helpful Student Transportation Tips for Parents/Guardians

STS promotes the Safe Rider Identification program which utilizes stickers affixed to student's backpacks to ensure primary grade students board the correct bus at schools and disembark the bus at their appropriate stop locations. In addition to this program please consider the following helpful tips and suggestions when preparing for your child to ride the bus to and from school:

- Often parents want to drive children to school on the first day. STS recommends that if you drive your children to school the first day, you also pick them up from school.
- Communicate any changes to daycare locations to your child's school prior to the start of the school year to ensure your child is placed on the correct bus for the first day of school.
- Introduce yourself to other parents and students at the stop. This helps student's gain confidence as they come to recognize familiar faces at their bus stop location.
- JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a responsible person. Approach the bus and identify to the driver the child/children you are receiving.
- Keep your phone records and emergency contact numbers up to date with the school office. STS receives this information electronically through the school.
- Record the bus company name and route # for your child and keep in a safe and accessible place. Bus company contact information is available at www.schoolbuscity.com
- Have an alternative arrangement for your child should unexpected circumstances such as traffic delay or any other emergency occurs.

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SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Each summer, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) makes adjustments to bus route schedules to accommodate new service providers, students and new school openings. **As a result, some students may experience changes in their bus schedule or route number.** Please confirm bus stop service for September by checking www.schoolbuscity.com beginning Monday August 12. If you are unable to find the information you require, please contact your school.

During the first two weeks of school, students should arrive at their bus stop *ten minutes early*. After this, it is anticipated each bus route will develop its regular routine and service times.

Transportation Eligibility

In accordance with Board policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their designated Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. As indicated below, transportation eligibility will change throughout a student's school career:

- All YCDSB students in JK - Grade 3 whose residence is more than 1.2 kilometres from their home school **is eligible** for Board-provided transportation.
- All YCDSB students in Grades 4 - 8 whose residence is more than 1.6 kilometres from their home school **is eligible** for Board-provided transportation.
- All YCDSB students in Grades 9 - 12 whose residence is more than 4.8 kilometres from their home secondary school **is eligible** for Board-provided transportation. A secondary student whose residence is more than 3.2 kilometres from their home secondary school, who's home address is not transit served, **is eligible** for Board-provided transportation.

Students currently in Grade 3 and Grade 8 who use school transportation services may see a change in their eligibility to continue to use these services as they transition into Grade 4 and Grade 9.

Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 who are eligible for transportation may review bus stop information by visiting www.schoolbuscity.com . Grade 9 students not eligible for transportation who may wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at www.yrt.ca or phone 1-866-668-3978.



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Grade 8 Transportation Eligibility Notice

STS provides transportation for students in accordance with Board policy that establishes grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone parameters. Transportation is provided for students who live within their Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone.

- All YCDSB students in Grades 9 - 12 whose residence is more than 4.8 kilometres from their home secondary school is eligible for Board-provided transportation. A secondary student whose residence is more than 3.2 kilometres from their home secondary school, who's home address is not transit served, is eligible for Board-provided transportation

Some students currently transitioning from Grade 8 to Grade 9 may see a change in their eligibility to continue to use the school bus service.

***Example:** A Grade 8 student who lives 1.7 km from school would be eligible for transportation if their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone extends 1.6 km from the school. However, when a student enters Grade 9, they are no longer eligible for transportation as their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone extends 4.8 km from the school.*

If you are not eligible for school bus service and require York Region Transit route information, please visit their website at www.yrt.ca or phone 1-866-668-3978.

If based on the criteria above, you are eligible to receive school bus service and need to determine the closest bus stop to your residence, please visit www.schoolbuscity.com. Once you have determined the stop nearest to your home, please proceed to use the stop. There is no need to register for service.

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Grade 3 Transportation Eligibility Notice

STS provides transportation for students in accordance with Board policy that establishes grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone parameters. As a result, students living within their school's Non-Transportation Zone, as listed below, are not eligible for school bus transportation:

GRADES	NON-TRANSPORTATION ZONE
JK - 3	0 – 1.2 KM
4 - 8	0 – 1.6 KM

As outlined in the chart above, some students currently in Grade 3 who use school transportation services may see a change in their eligibility to continue to use these services as they transition into Grade 4.

Example: A Grade 3 student who lives 1.4 km from school would be eligible for transportation as their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone extends 1.2 km from the school. However, when the student enters Grade 4, they are no longer eligible for transportation as their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone extends 1.6 km from the school.

Note: Some families may experience different service levels for different students. To determine student transportation eligibility, please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

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