



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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| Legal References: | <i>Education Act: Section 190 (1)</i> |
| Related References: | <i>Administrative Procedure 4260 – Student Transportation</i> |
| Effective Date: | <i>February 1998</i> |
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1. Preamble

- 1.1 The Education Act, Section 190 (1) states that a School Board may provide transportation for,
 - 1.1.1 a resident pupil of the Board who is enrolled in a school that the Board operates, or in a school operated by another Board to which the Board pays fees in respect of such pupil;
 - 1.1.2 a pupil in respect of whom the Minister pays the cost of education under the regulations; and
 - 1.1.3 a child over two years of age who may, under the regulations, be admitted to a programme for hearing-handicapped children, transportation to and from the school that the pupil attends.
- 1.2 The Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) recognizes that although the Education Act places no mandatory responsibility on a Board to provide transportation for students, there may be existing conditions which warrant transportation for certain pupils.

2. General Transportation Policy

- 2.1 The following distance guidelines shall be used to determine eligibility:
 - 2.1.1 For students living in urban municipalities and established settlement areas, transportation may be provided to students living beyond the following distance to their assigned school:

| Grade | Distance |
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| Junior and Senior Kindergarten | 0.8 km |
| 1- 8 | 1.6 km |
| 9- 12 | 3.2 km |

- 2.1.2 For students living in rural areas outside urban municipalities and established settlement areas, transportation will be provided to all students in a manner deemed safe and appropriate by STSWR.
- 2.1.3 In some cases, transportation may be required due to hazards that preclude a safe walking route to school. The identification of such hazards and the transportation provided will be determined by STSWR.
- 2.2 Transportation may be withdrawn for violations of the student code of conduct.
- 2.3 Student transportation for WRDSB is planned and overseen by Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR). All transportation measurements will be determined by STSWR and be based on the shortest distance by road, path or walkway from home to school or bus stop, and are subject to a reasonable flexibility beyond the guidelines.
- 2.4 This policy will be implemented in accordance with Administrative Procedure 4260-Student Transportation.