



Student Transportation Services French Immersion and Extended French Programs

The Toronto District School Board is committed to providing safe and reliable transportation for your child. The success of the transportation service depends on the cooperation of parents, teachers and the transportation companies.

Eligibility

(1) Distance

Transportation is provided to students who would otherwise be excused from attendance at a school because of distance as provided by the Education Act, Section 21 based on grade level as of September 1 of the school year.

- (i) Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5: 1.6 kms or more* (School Bus Service)
- (ii) Grades 6 to 8: 3.2 kms or more* (T.T.C. Tickets)
- (iii) Grades 9 to 12: 4.8 km or more *+ (T.T.C. Tickets)

The distance is calculated from the student's home address to the designated program school.

(2) Program Considerations

Transportation is provided

- (i) For students who are placed by Identification, Placement and Review Committee to a Special Education program that is not located in their home school and who meet the distance criteria.
- (ii) For students who are placed in a program by the Toronto District School Board which is not offered in their home school and who meet the distance criteria.
- (iii) For students attending a French Immersion program not offered in their home school and who meet the distance criteria and any existing criteria for admission to French programs

Please note that transportation service is not provided to students attending a school under optional attendance.

Method of Transportation Service – French Immersion/Extended Programs (Senior Kindergarten to Grade 5)

School bus transportation is provided by contracted carrier services or Board bus using 72 or 20 passenger school buses. The method of service is school to school or designated stop (determined by Student Transportation Services) to school service. Students must walk to a school or designated stop to meet the bus. Parents are responsible for the supervision of students before they board and after the student disembarks from the school bus. Transportation service is not provided from the home or daycare addresses (unless the address is located at a TDSB designated stop). Additional information regarding the Student Transportation Policy and safety information can be found on the Board's web site at www.tdsb.on.ca.

Applying for Transportation Service

Only **new** senior kindergarten (Early Immersion) and **new** grade 4 (Mid-Immersion, Junior Extended) students need to complete a Student Transportation Application form. **The form should be completed at your child's French Immersion school and submitted to Student Transportation Services no later than the end of May.** Parents will be advised by the French Immersion/Extended school regarding a student's eligibility for bus service. If your child is eligible for bus service you should visit the French Immersion/Extended school the last week of August to obtain route information which will be posted on the front doors of the school or located in the office. Parents will not be mailed or contacted by phone regarding route information.