

East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium



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Transportation - Eligibility	Date Feb 2012	Revised March 2022

Policy	<p>It is the policy of the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium to provide safe, efficient, economical, and affordable transportation to eligible students pursuant to The Education Act S.190 (1) which states: “A board may provide for a pupil, who is enrolled in a school that the board operates, transportation to and from the school that the pupil attends”.</p> <p>The Consortium considers transportation to be a privilege and not a right and such transportation may be revoked, or the levels of service changed at the Consortium’s discretion.</p> <p>The Consortium shall endeavor to provide transportation routes and designated bus stops with the understanding that the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall see their children safely to and from the designated stops. The parent(s)/guardian(s) are deemed to be responsible for their children prior to boarding the bus and after they have disembarked from the bus.</p>
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Operational Procedure

Students are permitted to ride only on the buses and routes assigned to them and must have permission for changes. A minimum of 3 business days' notice must be given to make any changes.

Students are permitted to have two (2) permanent pick-up and two (2) permanent drop-off locations. These two locations may differ providing they are permanent and scheduled. Any variance from this process is subject to the approval of the Transportation Coordinator.

Only permanent changes are permitted to a student's pick up or drop off location. A permanent change is considered to be 15 calendar days or more. If a parent or guardian is going away for a temporary period (less than 15 days) it is their responsibility to arrange transportation to and from school or to the permanent bus stop.

Students with separated parents may have a pickup and drop off for each parent, but there must be a permanent schedule in place.
E.g. Monday and Wednesday at mom's house, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at dad's house, week at one parent, week at the other parent.

1. Eligibility by Student's Address

Resident students registered in and attending a school operated by a School Board and who permanently reside, or whose parent(s)/guardian(s) permanently resides, more than the following distances by public road or publicly owned and maintained access route from the designated school may be provided transportation.

Elementary Schools

Transportation will be provided for:

Junior and Senior Kindergarten students * who live beyond a distance of **0.2 km** from their school of attendance.

Grades 1 to 3 students * who live beyond a distance of **1.2 km** from their school of attendance.

Grades 4 to 8 students * who live beyond a distance of **1.6 km** from their school of attendance.

*Students will be required to walk to and from regular school bus stops.

Secondary Schools

Transportation will be provided for:

Students enrolled in a **secondary school** that live beyond the distance of **3.2 km** from their school of attendance.

2. Eligibility by Walking Distances

The distances measured will be the shortest distance by public road, public sidewalk, or publicly owned and maintained access route between home and school and shall be measured from where the laneway or driveway joins the public road. The East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium using transportation software with the appropriate municipal map will make all measurements for transportation purposes.

3. Eligibility due to Hazard

The East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium will provide special transportation to students when warranted for safety reasons to overcome traffic or other forms of hazards.

4. Communication

In June of each school year, the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium will provide written notification to the schools when students no longer qualify for transportation due to eligibility as a result of the next year's grade. The school will contact the parent or guardian to inform them of the change in eligibility.

When the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium receives a request for transportation from parents, guardians and/or schools, the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium verifies the transportation request to validate school attendance and transportation eligibility and so informs the school of the change.