

## REQUEST FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### **Eligible Riders:**

Access to school bus service is provided to eligible riders in accordance with Board Policy 3850. Eligible riders are defined as students residing *within their neighbourhood school catchment area* and whose homes are situated beyond the designated walk limits. Policy 3850 identifies the walk limit to be 3.2 kilometers for elementary students and 4.8 kilometers for secondary students. Walk limits are calculated using the most direct driving route from the school to your home. Eligible riders will be required to walk to a collective bus stop for pick-up. The Transportation Department will notify eligible and/or ineligible riders once the Request for Bus Transportation has been approved. Secondary students will be issued a bus pass that must be presented to the bus driver each day.

### **Ineligible Riders:**

Subject to the under noted conditions, access to school bus service may be provided to ineligible riders for a fee in accordance with Board Policy 3850. Ineligible riders are students residing *within their neighbourhood school catchment area* and whose homes are situated *within the designated walk limits* or students who reside outside that school's catchment area. Policy 3850 identifies the walk limit to be 3.2 kilometers for elementary students and 4.8 kilometers for secondary students. Walk limits are calculated using the most direct driving route from the school to your home.

Fees for all riders will be charged as follows:

	Full Rate		Full Rate
1st student	\$200.00	AM or PM only (per student)	\$125.00
Family (2 students)	\$350.00	AM or PM only (2 students)	\$200.00
Family (2+ students)	\$450.00	AM or PM only (3+ students)	\$250.00

Access to school bus service by ineligible riders is limited and is subject to the following conditions:

1. Seats will be provided only where there is sufficient room on the bus after accommodating eligible riders. Riders will be required to walk to a collective bus stop for pick-up.
2. Fees may be paid in two installments, with the first installments (50% of full rate) payable by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and the second by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Alternatively, fees can be paid in a single installment payable by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
3. Payment does not guarantee that the ineligible rider will have a seat for the following term or semester. It is the parents/guardians responsibility to arrange and/or pay for alternative transportation if bus seating is required for eligible riders or if bus re-routing has to be effected.
4. Fees can be paid by cheque, money order, Visa or MasterCard. In the event that the rider cancels service, or the service becomes unavailable, or the seating is required for eligible students, a pro-rated refund will be issued. Other conditions apply.
5. An invoice will be issued to the parent/guardian once the Request for Bus Transportation service has been approved.

**For questions about bus transportation service or payment, please contact the Transportation Department at (604) 534-7891, local 330.**