

## **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

The Board of Education will provide Student Transportation to and from their catchment school on a cost-efficient, district-operated transportation system.

The District transportation system may also be used for the Student Transportation to and from school sponsored curricular and co-curricular activities within or outside the boundaries of the School District.

### **1. Ridership Privileges for Registered Students**

Transportation will be available for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Langley resident students to and from school, enrolled in an educational program with the Langley School District, based on the following considerations:

#### **1.1. First priority will be granted to the following students:**

- 1.1.1. Grade K-7 students and middle school students (grades 6 – 8) who live 3.2 km or more away, by travelled road or walkway, from the nearest school in the student's catchment area.
- 1.1.2. Grade 8-12 students who live 4.8 km or more away, by travelled road or walkway, from the nearest school in the student's catchment area.
- 1.1.3. Physically disabled students who, due to distance and/or severity of their disability, are unable to walk or take public transit.
- 1.1.4. Students with special needs who are placed in a District program other than the student's home school.

#### **1.2. Second priority will be granted to siblings of students as set out in 2.1.3 and 2.1.4, provided that the pick-up and final destination are the same.**

#### **1.3. Third priority will be to other riders. Pick-up for other riders will be along bus routes already established to pick-up first priority riders and only where there is capacity available on the bus. Priority of other riders will be as follows:**

- 1.3.1. First priority will be for those students who live the furthest away from their catchment school.
- 1.3.2. Second priority will be to those whose siblings have been granted ridership privileges, provided that the pick-up and final destination are the same.
- 1.3.3. Third priority will be granted to the youngest student if all other factors are equal.

- 1.4. If the School District provided transportation to a student in one school year, transportation is not guaranteed to that student in the following school year. At the start of each school year, new students who are considered first priority may take precedence over those in second and third priorities if the bus is at capacity.
- 1.5. Mid-year applications will only be accepted if the bus has the capacity to provide the service.
- 1.6. School District transportation services will not be provided for students attending Choice programs or cross-boundary schools.

## 2. Routes

- 2.1. Where there will be fewer than seven (7) priority one students on a given route, school bus transportation may not be provided. Those students may be accommodated through a transportation allowance.

## 3. Transportation Allowance

- 3.1. A transportation allowance will only be considered for first priority students who have registered to use school bus services and who cannot avail of those services due to the lack of a School District bus route in their area.
- 3.2. The transportation allowance will be determined by the Superintendent.

Legal Reference: Sections 85 School Act.

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