

**Policy Number and Name:** 325 Transportation

**Policy Section:** 300 Board Governance

**Effective Date:** November 23, 2023

**Revised Date:**

**Purpose:**

The Board provides guidance on how the Division provides transportation for students requiring access to school in accordance with *The Education Act, 1995*, *The Highway Traffic Act*, and *The Vehicle Administration Act*. In addition, provisions are made for special use of buses to enable students to participate in educational and education-related activities.

**Policy:**

- 1) Student transportation will be guided by the following:
  - a) Student wellbeing
  - b) Student safety
  - c) Fiscal responsibility (within budget)
- 2) Specifically,
  - a) Safety shall be the overriding consideration in transporting students.
  - b) The Board shall provide transportation only within the designated area for their school.
  - c) The Board does not provide transportation to students who reside outside of transportation boundaries unless approved in collaboration with the Learning Superintendent responsible for Transportation and the Transportation Manager.
  - d) The Board will determine by motion the attendance areas and transportation boundaries for each school.
  - e) The Transportation Committee (with Board representation) will retain authority for hearing transportation appeals relating to boundary change requests and out of attendance area requests. The Board will retain authority for hearing all other transportation appeals.
  - f) The Board will review and approve new transportation initiatives as they arise.

**References:**

*The Education Act, 1995, Sections 85-87, 142, 151, 171, 178(15), 194-197, 321, 354-356*  
*The Education Regulations, 2015, 22, 44, 56, 82*  
*The School Division Administration Regulations, 2017, 50, 55, 61*  
*The Traffic Safety Act*  
*The Driver Licensing and Suspension Regulations, 2006*



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*The School Bus Operating Regulations, 1987*

*The Seat-Belt Exemption Regulations, 2014*

*The Vehicle Classification and Registration Regulations*

*The Vehicle Equipment Regulations, 1987*

*The Vehicle Inspection Regulations, 2013*

*See Student Transportation Legislation and Best Practices, Ministry of Education, 2017*