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Transportation - Eligibility	Date May 26, 2006	Revised June 17, 2010

Policy	The Sudbury Student Services Consortium ensures safety and efficiency in delivery of student transportation to students of Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 12 through common operational procedures.
Operational Procedure	<p>While the responsibility of transporting students to and from school lies with the parents or guardians, the Education Act states that the school board may provide transportation to students who reside and are enrolled in their school of attendance.</p> <p>1. Eligibility by Student's Address</p> <p>A student's address is the legal and permanent place of residence.</p> <p>Students may be picked up or dropped off at locations other than their residence address provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The locations are within the school catchment area or school program area; b) The request is received from the parent or guardian and approved by the Sudbury Student Services Consortium; c) The approved pick-up or drop-off locations are consistent every week and; d) The location does not extend existing efficient routes. <p>2. Eligibility by Walking Distances</p> <p>The distances stated below shall be used to determine eligibility. The distances measured will be the shortest safe walking route along road or walkway from home property to school property. The Sudbury Student Services Consortium using transportation</p>

software with the appropriate municipal map will make all measurements for transportation purposes.

Elementary Schools:

Transportation will be provided for:

Junior and Senior Kindergarten students *

Grades 1 to 3 students * who live beyond a distance of **1.0 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 **2.5 km** from their school of attendance.

3. Eligibility by Program

Students who qualify to attend programs outside their home school catchment area, such as Magnet or French Immersion programs, may be transported according to the above walking distance eligibility criteria.

Students attending programs outside their home school catchment area and who, during the first half of the school year, change to a program available in their home school will not be transported to their present school.

Only those students who will graduate in the following year (Grade 8 and Grade 12), who change to a program available in their home school will continue to be transported in their graduating year.

4. Eligibility due to Hazard

The Sudbury Student Services Consortium will provide special transportation to students when warranted for safety reasons to overcome traffic or other forms of hazards.

The Sudbury Student Services Consortium has provided all schools with access to Web Query (a web based program) which enables schools to determine a student's eligibility to their school and programs.

When the Sudbury Student Services Consortium receives a request for transportation from parents, guardians and/or schools, the Sudbury Student Services Consortium verifies the transportation request to validate school attendance and transportation eligibility and so informs the parent or guardian.

At the end of each school year, the Sudbury Student Services Consortium will provide written notification to the parents or guardians when students no longer qualify for transportation due to eligibility as a result of the next year's grade.

A transportation information package will be mailed to all new Junior Kindergarten registrations.