

Transportation to Regional Programs

Students attending Regional programs may experience the following due to the large attendance areas of the schools.

Longer ride times. Ride times exceeding 60 minutes would be considered exceptional circumstances.

Students will be assigned to corner stops.

Students living furthest from the school will be picked-up first and dropped off last.

Ride times can vary year to year.

Inclement Weather and Service Cancellation

On occasion school vehicles may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Cancellation decisions will be made after consultation with safety representatives from bus companies and will be based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and Environment Canada forecasts.

Please access local media outlets after 6:00 a.m. to receive cancellation information.

NOTE if buses are cancelled in the morning they will not operate in the afternoon.

First Time School Bus Rider Safety Events

Each August and September, STSYR presents **First Time School Bus Rider Safety Events**. Several events are scheduled each year and take place at area schools.

Participation will help alleviate concerns and answer questions you may have regarding the safety of your children while riding on or walking around a school bus.

For further information regarding this valuable program and other transportation information please visit the STSYR website.

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School Bus Transportation Information

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Introduction

Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) is a collaborative venture of the York Catholic and York Region District School Boards and provides transportation to more than 53,000 students. School bus operation is contracted to private companies. All school buses service routes designed and supervised by STSYR.

Eligibility

In accordance with School Board Policies, STSYR provides transportation for students who live within their Home School Attendance Area and outside their grade appropriate **Non-Transportation Zone**.

YCDSB and YRDSB students in grades JK-3 who live within **1.2 km** of school are **not eligible** for transportation. YCDSB and YRDSB students in grades 4-8 who live within **1.6 km** of school are **not eligible** for transportation.

YCDSB students in grades 9-12 who live within **4.8 km** of school in a transit served area are **not eligible** for transportation. Students living in a non-transit served area are eligible for transportation if they live farther than 3.2km from their school.

YRDSB students in grades 9-12 who live within a **transit served area** are **not eligible** for transportation. Students living in a non-transit served area are eligible for transportation if they live farther than 3.2km from their school.

Non-Transportation Zones are measured outward from the closest access points of a school's property.

Distance Measurements are measured by STSYR using the most direct route from the edge of the students property to the school and may include the use of walkways.

Bus Stop Locations

STSYR creates bus stops at safe, **centralized street corner locations**. Students are required to walk a short distance (elementary students are required to walk up to 400 metres and secondary students 600 metres) to and from these **centralized collector points**. Having students walk to **centralized bus stops** increases routing efficiency and reduces the amount of time students spend travelling on a school bus.

To obtain bus stop and route information, including locations, service times, and a daily late bus report please visit the STSYR website: www.schoolbuscity.com.

Transporting Items on School Buses

Items may be transported on a school bus providing:

Items do not block the Aisles or Emergency Exits;

Items fit on a student's lap or under a seat and cannot move when the brakes of the vehicle are applied or during vehicle acceleration.

Note: Ice skates may be transported if they are carried in a small sports bag. Animals will not be permitted on the bus unless they are required to assist a student with special needs.

Student Responsibilities

Students are responsible to the principal for their conduct on the bus and should listen to instructions from the driver. Student conduct that endangers the safety or health of others may result in the **loss of transportation privileges**.

Students shall:

Arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time. (10 minutes earlier during the first 2 weeks of school)

Refrain from boisterous behavior, fighting and the use of profane language

Remain seated at all times
Refrain from eating, drinking or littering

Be responsible for any willful damage or vandalism to the school bus

Parent Responsibilities

Parents are responsible for their child's safe journey to and from a bus stop and their supervision while at a bus stop. **Parents should make alternate arrangements if they are unable to meet their child at a bus stop.**

Parents should know their child's bus route number, pick up and drop off times and bus company servicing their child's bus route. To obtain this information parents may visit www.schoolbuscity.com

