

**POLICY**

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In accordance with the *Education Act*, school boards may provide home-to-school or school-to-school transportation to their students who are within the Board’s jurisdiction or control. In all cases (other than those situations specified in the *Education Act*), transportation is a privilege, not a right, and it may be withdrawn at any time.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Transportation may be provided for elementary and secondary school students when the walking distance from the student’s residence to their home school is equal to or greater than the distance listed below:

GRADE LEVEL	KILOMETRES
Junior Kindergarten – Senior Kindergarten	.80
Grades 1-8	1.60
Grades 9-12	2.50

2. All distances referenced shall be the shortest walking route, measured from the point at which the laneway or driveway of the student’s residence joins the roadway to the nearest roadway or pathway/sidewalk entrance to the school property.
3. The distance from a student’s residence to the bus pickup or discharge location shall not exceed the transportation eligibility distances.
4. Where a student encounters safety hazards on his/her walk to school, consideration may be given to providing appropriate transportation for the student.
5. Transportation may be provided to students with exceptional needs, with the approval from the authorized department.
6. Transportation may be provided to students, who attend a school other than their home school for approved program attendance, with the approval from the authorized department.
7. Every effort will be made to keep student transportation time from home to school at a reasonable level. Whenever possible and practical, the transportation time is not expected to exceed one hour.

The Director of Education, in consultation with the Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) Consortium, will issue Administrative Guidelines in conjunction with this policy.

**Reference**

Administrative Procedure 2-10: Pupil Transportation