

School Operations

Administrative Procedure #218 Transportation Services

Definitions

Eligible Student: A resident student is entitled to transportation if they live within the defined Thrive Zone Transportation Boundary as posted on the school website.

Attendance Area: The geographical boundary approved by the Board that determines eligibility for transportation services.

Guidelines

Eligible Students

1. All students who attend Thrive School and reside within the Thrive Charter School Society Schools attendance boundaries are eligible for no fee transportation services.
2. Students residing outside the attendance area may receive no-fee service only if transported to a stop within the attendance area.

Equity and Accessibility

1. Transportation will be provided equitably, including accommodations for students with disabilities or medical needs, in accordance with applicable legislation and individual education plans (IEPs).

Transportation Services

1. The principal and other designated staff will work with the transportation provider to develop and implement an effective and safe student transportation system.
2. The school will regularly communicate with the transportation provider identifying any issues that develop.
3. The principal and superintendent will work with the Secretary Treasurer and board to ensure that the transportation system meets all safety guidelines and costs.

Safety

1. The responsibility for safety is shared by bus drivers, students, parents/guardians, and the school.
2. Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of their children between home and the bus stop. and while standing at the stop/waiting for the bus to pickup and/or drop off.
3. School buses are an extension of the school; all expectations outlined in policies and the Student Code of Conduct apply.

Responsibilities – Principal

1. Establish procedures for student safety during bus loading/unloading.
2. Collaborate with the transportation service provider to maintain a safe and orderly environment on buses.
3. The school Principal will establish procedures to ensure timely information is made available to families regarding busing services during adverse weather conditions or other emergency circumstances.

Responsibilities – Parents

1. Parents reinforce student behavioural expectations and bus safety.
2. Parents share responsibility with the bus driver and the school in ensuring students behave appropriately when travelling on the bus.
3. Parents are responsible to ensure that their children are at the bus stop prior to the prescribed pick-up time. The bus will not wait at the stop for students who are not at the stop at the prescribed time.
4. If residing outside of the Thrive Attendance Area, parents must either transport their children to a bus stop within the attendance area or drop / pick-up their children at the school.

Responsibilities – Students

1. Students will comply with the school's Student Code of Conduct and Policy 210. These apply to all students travelling to and from bus stops, waiting at bus stops and while travelling on the school bus.
2. Students will ensure that they arrive at the bus stop prior to the prescribed pick-up time.

Responsibilities – Bus Drivers

1. Bus drivers will report on road incidences as they occur.
2. Bus drivers will report behavioural incidents to the school principal.
3. Bus drivers will maintain a safe and orderly environment on the bus.
4. Bus drivers will participate in training and safety drills as required by the provider and Society policy.