

560 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Background

The Division believes it desirable to provide an efficient student transportation system to facilitate the effective operation of the school system. The student transportation system shall provide services to students in Grades 1 to 12 who require transportation to attend school.

Procedures

1. With regard to the coordination and operation of student transportation services, the following shall be considered when planning routes and schedules:
 - a. Student safety
 - b. System efficiency
 - c. Financial limitations
 - d. School Act requirements
 - e. Student Age, health and special needs
 - f. Student time in transit.
2. The Division believes that planning in consultation with parents, drivers, administrators and trustees will enhance transportation services.
3. In any one locality, the type of student transportation service to be provided shall depend on the number of students to be transported. Buses shall be provided in those areas having a sufficient number of eligible students (which will enable the Division to recover part of the cost of transportation under the provisions of Alberta Education Funding Manual for School Authorities).
4. In general, students who qualify for transportation grants are those who are:
 - a. Eligible students
 - b. Attending Grades 1 to 12
 - c. Living in a rural district
 - d. Living more than 2.4 km from their designated schools.
5. Alberta Education will provide general information to local school jurisdictions in January regarding the level of provincial financial support.

6. The Division will maintain adequate transportation records on file, including maps of individual routes, records of route distance and a list of the names and grades of eligible passengers.
7. The Division will make application for funds available from Alberta Education on the basis of the jurisdiction's eligible transported pupil count taken annually at September 30.
8. The Division monitor and evaluate the student transportation system as required.

References

Section 51, School Act