

# KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## POLICY STATEMENT

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**Section:** Business and Administrative Services

• Transportation

**Policy Code:** BA-8.6

**Policy:** TRANSPORTATION: STUDENT SAFETY

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Safety is of paramount importance to the Board when dealing with students who either walk and/or are transported to school. As a result, the Board encourages and supports the utilization of school safety patrols, school bus safety patrols and adult crossing guards, and "Walking School Bus" Programs. "Walking School Bus" Programs are programs facilitated and supported by some health units and run by the school community where volunteer parents walk children to and from school.

The Board offers transportation to students using a variety of vehicle types. For certain "special needs pupils" the vehicles alone are not sufficient. As a result, vehicles must be adapted in order to provide the safest possible environment. Therefore, the Board authorizes the use of special apparatus on-board vehicles to facilitate this requirement.

The Board recognizes the importance of conducting an annual school bus evacuation program that informs students of the safety features of a school purpose vehicle and how to deal with unexpected emergency situations while being transported.

From an environmental perspective, the Board acknowledges the need to address concerns which exist regarding exhaust fumes from idling school vehicles.

In addition, the Board recognizes the need to make provisions for the transportation of students with life threatening allergies.

Administrative Regulations will reflect the philosophy of this Policy.