

Transportation Information for New Secondary Students

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

November, 2008

Thank you for considering attending one of the Board's schools. As you may be aware, Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) oversees transportation for students attending schools within the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic DSB, the Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB, and Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud.

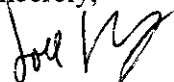
The following information on transportation eligibility distances, policies and related procedures is provided to assist you in making a decision regarding school attendance for next year:

- *transportation eligibility distance (the distance beyond which bussing may be provided) is 3.2 km* measured from closest point of a student's primary residence property to closest pedestrian access to the school;
- the guideline for transportation eligibility distance to a bus stop is 1.6 km (in some cases students may live further from their stop than this distance due to local road conditions and related factors);
- eligibility distances are measured via publicly maintained road and/or walkway;
- measurement of eligibility distance is the responsibility of STSCO staff;
- transportation is not provided on roads which are not municipally assumed and maintained year round;
- bus routes are set by STSCO prior to the start of school in September, no changes can be made to routes nor can bus stops be added without the approval of STSCO;
- 1.5 hours is the guideline for maximum length of bus ride, however, in limited cases ride times can exceed this guideline for secondary school and special program students due to the regional nature of these programs;
- in accordance with Board Policy, students may be assigned to consistent pick-up and drop-off locations on one route and one route only;
- in some areas, bus routes may be shared by students from more than one school and students are expected to behave appropriately when sharing bus rides;
- students are responsible for adhering to good conduct on their bus which is viewed as being similar to a school classroom with the driver being the supervising adult who reports to the School Principal;
- STSCO staff set bus stops in safe locations relative to passing traffic and the ability for students to safely stand near the stop while waiting for the bus;
- parents and guardians are responsible for safely getting students to and from assigned bus stops; and
- please keep in mind: *riding on a school bus is a privilege, not a right and should be treated accordingly.*

Below, you will find a summary of contact information for Student Transportation Services. Please feel free to contact us through any of the noted means if we can be of assistance in answering any transportation related questions.

STSCO staff wish students and families much success as you move forward with choosing your school.

Sincerely,



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Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario
(STSCO)

STSCO Contact Information for the Northumberland Area:

Telephone: 1-800-757-0307 or 1-705-748-5500
Alvina Seawright, Route Planner, ext. 232
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For additional information concerning transportation services please visit our website stsco.ca