

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) launched the Bus Tag Program in September 2014.

The Bus Tag Program supports safety for JK/SK and other school-identified students by providing a process to match students to their assigned afternoon school bus and identify that they must be met by a parent or guardian at their afternoon bus stop.

The program provides:

- a **colour-coded bus tag** with the assigned PM route number to be attached to the student's backpack;
- a **colour-coded route card** with route number in the windows of the school bus that the bus tag is matched to.

For the 2018-19 school year, the SCSTC will:

- provide access to a tag, for schools to utilize at their discretion, to identify students who are walkers and/or remain at an on-site daycare. These tags may be printed at the school with notes that are specific to the student.



As per SCSTC Policy TR04 (Parent / Guardian Responsibility to meet Junior Kindergarten, Senior Kindergarten and Other Identified Students at the Bus Stop), the SCSTC and School Vehicle Operators have established policies and procedures that are used on all school vehicles to ensure students in JK/SK, as well as other school-identified students, are met at their afternoon bus stop. The Bus Tag Program has been established to assist both the schools and school bus drivers to load these students on the correct afternoon bus and identify that they are to be met at their bus stop by a parent or guardian.

Below is a list of frequently asked questions and answers related to the Bus Tag Program:

What if the information on my child's bus tag is incorrect?

Please contact your child's school to request an update to your child's information. A new bus tag will be provided.

What if my child lost his/her bus tag?

Please contact your child's school to request a new bus tag.

My child's bus tag was printed in black and white, can it still be used?

Yes. If the school does not have access to a colour printer, the bus tags print with the name of the bus colour on both sides. The name of the colour in addition to the route number on the bus tag can be used to match the bus tag to the bus route card. Schools may also choose to colour the bus tag with a marker or place a coloured sticker on the bus tag.

Does the Bus Tag Program apply to AM bus pick-ups?

No. The Bus Tag Program is designed to assist in the boarding of JK/SK and other school-identified students onto the correct PM school vehicle by matching the route number and colour on the Bus Tag with the corresponding vehicle route card in the window of the bus.

Bus tags do not need to match the route card/colour of the student's assigned morning school vehicles. Your child may be assigned to different vehicles for the AM and PM. The AM bus number is also available through the school. When meeting the bus in the morning, the bus driver can confirm which school the bus is servicing.

If you have any questions you may contact the SCSTC via the [contact link](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) at: www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.