

1. Policy Information

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2. Rationale

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) is committed to supporting its Member District School Boards requirements for home-to-school student transportation as identified in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, (AODA).

3. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the SCSTC to provide accessible transportation in accordance with related legislation for students identified and approved by the Member District School Boards.

4. Overview

- 4.1. The SCSTC is committed to supporting its Member District School Boards in providing accessible home-to-school transportation. Accessible transportation will be provided for students who have been identified and approved by the Member District School Board in accordance with the AODA.
- 4.2. As identified in Section 75 of the AODA, school boards that provide transportation services for its students shall:
 - *ensure that integrated accessible school transportation services are provided for their students; or*
 - *ensure that appropriate alternative accessible transportation services are provided for students with disabilities, where in the opinion of the board integrated accessible school transportation services are not possible or not the best option for a student with a disability because of the nature of the disability or safety concerns.*
- 4.3. Requests for Specialized Transportation are made throughout the school year and reviewed annually.

5. References

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

SCDSB Policy 3115

Ontario Human Rights Code

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, (AODA)

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