

1. Policy Information

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2. Rationale

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) policy for Transportation Eligibility provides the guidelines used to determine eligibility for home-to-school student transportation.

3. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the SCSTC to follow Member District School Boards' policies and procedures relating to determining home-to-school student transportation eligibility.

4. Overview

In accordance with the SCSTC Member District School Boards' policies and procedures, home-to-school student transportation eligibility is determined based on the student's primary address as identified by the school.

Transportation services will be reflective of a partnership with the home, which prioritizes safety, equity, consistency and the efficient use of available resources.

- 4.1. Transportation services may be provided between home and school to students who:
 - 4.1.1. attend school in their designated school attendance area;
 - 4.1.2. have a primary address that is outside the school's established walk zone.
- 4.2. The SCSTC will establish walking zones for each school using a digitized map, vehicle and/or a measuring wheel based on the following distances:
 - 4.2.1. For Elementary Schools: 1.6 kilometers
 - 4.2.2. For Secondary Schools: 3.2 kilometers
- 4.3. Students who reside within a designated walk zone for their home school are not eligible for transportation, unless otherwise qualified by policy.
- 4.4. Measurements are taken from the student's residential property line nearest to the closest entrance of the school property.

- 4.5. The boundary of each walking zone will reflect the most direct and practical walking route from the home school to home.
 - 4.5.1. The responsibility to confirm if a specific walk path within the established walking zone is safe for a specific student lies with the individual student's parent/guardian.
 - 4.5.2. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may choose to have their student(s) utilize an alternate walk path, however, this will not change the walk zone measurement.
- 4.6. Approved transportation will be to and from SCSTC authorized bus stop locations only.
- 4.7. Transportation may not be provided for students who, by choice, attend a school outside of their designated school boundary (i.e. out-of-attendance students)
- 4.8. The SCSTC provides transportation to eligible students between home and school. The SCSTC does not provide transportation to extra-curricular activities, after school programs, after school employment, and/or the employment location of parent and/or guardian. Transportation to locations outside of home and school are the responsibility of the parent and/or guardian.

5. References

SCDSB Policy 2410 – Transportation of Students

SMCDSB Policy GP – 13 – Transportation

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