

## **1. Policy Information**

Section: Out-of-Attendance Area Students  
Document Type: Eligibility  
Policy Name: TE06 Out-of-Attendance Area Students

## **2. Rationale**

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) policy for Out-of-Attendance Area (SCDSB) or Out-of-Boundary (SMCDSB) Students provides the guidelines to seek approval for transportation for students attending a school other than their home school.

## **3. Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the SCSTC to follow Member District School Boards' policies and procedures relating to transportation of out-of-attendance area students.

## **4. Overview**

- 4.1. Approval of the application for out-of-attendance area/out-of-boundary transportation will follow the established processes of the student's respective Member District School Board. The SCSTC will consider policy, procedure, student safety and seat availability on the vehicle when reviewing requests.
  - 4.1.1. The SCSTC Member District School Board will assume no obligation to provide transportation for students who have chosen to attend out-of-attendance area/out-of-boundary schools. In such circumstances, responsibility of getting to and from a school will rest entirely with the student and their parent/guardian.
  - 4.1.2. Students who have been authorized by their respective Member District School Board to attend an out-of-attendance area school may apply for out-of-attendance area/out-of-boundary transportation through their school.
  - 4.1.3. Through the established Member District School Board process, students may be approved to use existing routes to attend out-of-attendance area/out-of-boundary schools provided that:
    - 4.1.3.1. request is for an existing bus stop on an existing bus route;
    - 4.1.3.2. service to other students on the bus route will not be affected;
    - 4.1.3.3. space is, and continues to be available;
    - 4.1.3.4. the route and/or stop continues to be required for eligible students;
    - 4.1.3.5. there is no incremental cost.

- 4.1.4. The SCSTC or Member District School Board reserves the right to reverse previously approved out-of-attendance area/out-of-boundary transportation approvals when safety, behaviour or capacity conditions warrant.
- 4.1.5. Approved requests for out-of-attendance area/out-of-boundary transportation are for the current school year only, and a request must be made annually. Responses to applications for out-of-attendance area transportation will be communicated through the student's school beginning the first week of October, annually.

## **5. References**

SCDSB Policy 2410 – Transportation of Students

SMCDSB Policy GP – 13 – Transportation

SCSTC Form TF018 – Out of Area Transportation Form

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