

## **1. Policy Information**

Section: Special Transportation Eligibility  
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## **2. Rationale**

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) provides special transportation for approved students meeting the criteria of the Member District School Boards. Special transportation is initiated and approved by the Member District School Boards following their respective policies and procedures.

## **3. Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the SCSTC to provide special transportation arrangements for students identified and approved by the Member District School Boards.

## **4. Overview**

- 4.1. Requests for special transportation are identified and initiated through the student's school and approved by the Member District School Board.
- 4.2. The SCSTC makes efforts to accommodate students on existing home-to-school transportation where possible. Specialized transportation will be provided based on student need(s) as identified and approved by the Member District School Boards.
- 4.3. Through the Member District School Board, special transportation will be considered for students who:
  - 4.3.1. have been identified by the school and approved by the Member District School Board as requiring special transportation;
  - 4.3.2. have an identified physical or medical condition that is supported by a medical certificate from a current practicing physician;
  - 4.3.3. attend a designated specialized program not offered at their home school;
  - 4.3.4. attend a provincial school; or
  - 4.3.5. have an identified special education need(s) that impairs their ability to access a regular bus or manage the walk zone.
- 4.4. SCSTC will schedule transportation based on the student's needs and seat availability.

- 4.5. SCSTC does not provide custom service i.e. short term changes of address or different pick-up or drop-off locations on different days that has not been previously approved by the Member District School Board.
- 4.6. The Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) specifies that Individual Student Transportation Plans (ISTP) must be developed by the school board in consultation with parent and/or guardians for students with identified disabilities. The ISTP is to communicate the roles and responsibilities of the student, parents and/or guardians, school staff, school vehicle driver, school vehicle operator and the SCSTC.

## **5. References**

SCDSB Policy 2410 – Transportation

SMCDSB Policy GP – 13

Ontario Human Rights Code

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

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