



SECTION 1000: STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS

POLICY 1075: TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Board endorses safe transportation of students in accordance with Board approved Procedures.

RATIONALE

In recognition of physical circumstances throughout the area served by Coast Mountains School District 82, the proximity of schools and classes to the residences of students, and the special needs of some students, the Board has established a system of transportation to be operated in accordance with this policy and any regulations made hereunder.

POLICY

Students who are transported on the Board's conveyances are entitled to safe and efficient travel. This applies whether such conveyances are owned or operated under contract. It is the intention of the Board that an efficient route system be maintained, using clean and safe vehicles operated by qualified drivers.

As the Ministry of Education shares in the cost of transportation for students, the intent of the Board is to offer services that will qualify for such shared funding.

REGULATIONS

1. Students who are residents of communities within the school district's region will be considered for school bus transportation to and from the school which has been designated by the school district to serve their residence.
2. Transportation will normally be provided by school bus, which shall be considered to be an extension of the school; therefore, students are expected to behave accordingly.



REGULATIONS *(continued)*

3. Bus stops shall be established by the school district taking into account pertinent factors such as relative safety, time, and proximity of students.
4. To minimize the number of stops, students may be required to walk an acceptable walking distance to and from their bus stops. The Board's objective is to provide, within the limitations of this policy, maximum service with a minimum fleet of busses.
5. Insofar as educational considerations permit, school hours will be adjusted to allow maximum utilization of each bus in the system.
6. Vehicles and drivers used to transport students shall meet the requirements, as appropriate, of:
 - a. The *Motor Vehicle Act*
 - b. The *Motor Carrier Act*
 - c. The *School Act*

STUDENT DEPORTMENT

7. School buses shall, in addition, meet the *Minimum Standards for Construction of School Buses*, as set out in the Canadian Standards Association.
8. As school buses are an extension of the school, students remain under the jurisdiction of their school principal. Misbehaviour by a student on a school bus shall be reported by the bus driver to the student's principal.
9. If, in the opinion of a bus driver, a student's behaviour is jeopardizing the safety of other students riding on a bus, the driver may proceed to the nearest school and place the student in the custody of the principal of that school.
10. Misbehaviour may lead to withdrawal of bus privileges and other disciplinary measures.