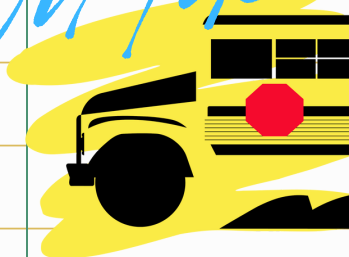


On the Bus



Student Transportation

Services of Thunder Bay

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER EDITION

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL BUS ELIGIBILITY

Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay (STSTB) provides transportation between home and school in accordance with the joint transportation policy of its member school boards.

centralized bus stops. These walking distances are based on grade level, and stop locations are often selected with consideration for the addresses of younger students in the area:

Each year, school bus routes and stop locations are reviewed and adjusted to reflect changes in student enrollment. As new students enter the system, current students advance in grade, and graduating students leave, these updates ensure transportation services remain efficient and aligned with policy.

Walk to Stop Distances

JK & SK: minimum 400 metres
Grades 1 - 8: minimum 800 metres
Grades 9-12: minimum 1600 metres

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, please be aware that your child's eligibility for school bus transportation may change based on their grade level and the distance from your home to their zoned school.

Check Your Eligibility and Learn More

Parents and students can verify transportation eligibility, review the full joint transportation policy, and learn more about our transportation practices and procedures by visiting our website 📄 www.ststb.ca

Next Steps

Please refer to the next page for detailed instructions on how to access your child's busing information for the 2025-2026 school year.

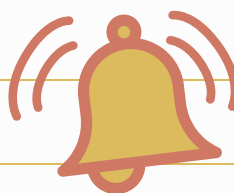
Eligibility Criteria for School Bus Transportation

The eligibility requirements for student transportation across our member school boards align with the Ontario Ministry of Education's funding standards. To qualify for school bus service, a student's pickup or drop-off address must be located within their designated school zone and must exceed the following minimum distance thresholds:

JK & SK: minimum 800 metres
Grades 1 - 8: minimum 1600 metres
Grades 9-12: minimum 3200 metres

Walking Distance to Bus Stops

Students who are eligible for transportation may still be required to walk to and from



Upcoming Events

The 32nd Annual First Rider Program will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, for all students entering JK this September! More info at www.ststb.ca/en/safety/first-rider

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Bus Status app



YOUR BUSING INFO IS ONLINE

2025-2026 BUSING INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL STARTING THE WEEK OF JUNE 23, 2025

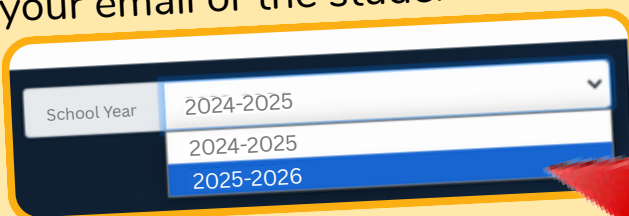
The safe and confidential STSTB Parent Portal is an efficient tool to obtain your student's transportation information and can be accessed easily and conveniently at www.ststb.ca.

New Secure Access to Student Transportation Information

To ensure that only authorized individuals can view sensitive transportation information, we've moved to a more secure, automated system that uses verified contact information already on file with your child's school.

How It Works

- Go to www.ststb.ca and click the 'Parent Portal' tile.
- On the Parent Portal landing page, select **PROCEED TO PARENT PORTAL** at the bottom of the page to go to the Log In page
- Sign Up with Your Email: **New accounts only** - Use the same email address you provided to the school for your student's contact information to register for the updated Parent Portal. Our system, BusPlanner Web, will send you a validation email. Click the link in that email to confirm your identity.
- **If you already have an existing Parent Portal account**, it must be the same contact email address on file at the school, otherwise you will need to create a new account to match the email on file.
- **Automatic Student Matching** - for verified accounts, BusPlanner will automatically search for any students associated with your email address and authorized by the school for access.
- **No More Manual Entry** - you no longer need to enter your child's OEN or date of birth. Students are automatically linked to your account based on school records.
- **Always Up to Date** - every time you log in, BusPlanner checks for updates to your student's transportation information and refreshes your account. These connections remain active unless the school removes your email or the student from their records.



VIEWING NEXT YEAR'S BUSING BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR
Toggle between the current and next year's busing info by selecting the desired school year at the bottom left of each student's busing information page.