

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION

STOPR

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Information for Parents Regarding School Bus Transportation

September 2018

Welcome back to another school year!

Please note the following Transportation Information.

Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) plans and implements all aspects of home to school student transportation for both the **Peel District School Board** and the **Dufferin-Peel District Catholic District School Board**.

Eligibility for transportation is based on the following distance criteria established by each School Board and is noted below.

Students residing within their schools attendance boundary and living in excess of the following distance criteria from their school are eligible for transportation

<i>Kindergarten to Grade 1:</i>	<i>1.0 km</i>
<i>Grades 2 to 4:</i>	<i>1.6 km</i>
<i>Grades 5 to 8:</i>	<i>2.0 km</i>
<i>Grades 9 to 12:</i>	<i>3.8 km</i>

The distance criteria is measured using STOPR's approved transportation software. The "walking" measurement is taken from the closest property line of the student's primary address to the closest property line of the school of attendance, see STOPR Procedure STOPR002 for further details.

STOPR Web Site:

We recommend that you take a moment to review our web site at: www.stopr.ca.

Effective Monday August 27, 2018 parents can go onto our web site to access their children's bus route information. On the main page, click on the tab, "*Your Child's Busing Information.*" You will need your child's Ontario Educational Number (OEN), home address, school and grade in order to retrieve your child's bus information from the web site.

Our web site is your source for the most up to date transportation information such as bus delays and cancellations as well it can provide you with important information such as "*what school do I attend*" and "*am I eligible for transportation*".

In addition, from our web site www.stopr.ca, you can also access important school bus safety information, watch a safety video for "first time riders" as well as look up information on "*Transportation Procedures*", "*Forms*", "*Courtesy Seats*" and "*frequently asked questions concerning student transportation.*"

Parents can also sign-up to receive automatic e-mail notifications of delays or cancellations for their children's bus run. Parents should go to www.stopr.ca and click on the "bus delays and cancellations" link and then click "subscriptions" to sign-up for this service.

Contacting STOPR:

STOPR operations are divided into 3 defined zones, *East*, *West* and *Special Needs Transportation*. The *East* and *West* zones manage all regular *home to school* busing for all of Peel Region and the dividing line between these zones is generally Kennedy Road.

When calling into our office for school bus information, please make sure that you have your child's Ontario Educational Number (OEN) available. The OEN number can be found on your child's report card or is available from your school.

STOPR staff will ask for your child's OEN to ensure your child's personal transportation information is secure and is shared only with the appropriate person.

Telephone contact: (905) 890-6000 (*East, West and Special Needs Transportation*)
Toll free: 1-800-668-1140
Fax: (905) 890-6033

***For parents who live within **Dufferin County**, please note that all transportation is handled by the Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Consortium (STWDSTS) All parents living within Dufferin County should contact STWDSTS at 519-824-4119 or toll free at 1-888-292-2224 or visit their web site at www.stwdsts.ca*

Bus Stop Locations and "Primary Protocol":

Please note that "*door to door*" or "*home bus stop*" locations are not generally provided. STOPR establishes bus stops in safe and appropriate locations that can service multiple families and students. Typically these stops are located at intersections or "group" locations that provide an area for all students/parents to wait for their bus away from the roadway.

Please note that Parents/Guardians are responsible for the safe conveyance of their children to and from the bus stop location and it is expected that all transported kindergarten and grade 1 students are always met by a parent/guardian at the end of the day at their bus stop location. There is simply no substitute for an adult's supervision at the bus stop as this is the most critical moment for student safety. Students in kindergarten and grade 1 must always be met at their bus stop each day under our "Primary Protocol".

For more information on school bus safety and the "Primary Protocol" please contact our office or go onto our web site at www.stopr.ca.

Requests for changes for a Student's Transportation:

STOPR is responsible for the safe and efficient transportation of approximately 60,000 students each school day. Please note that during school start-up in September, the STOPR office is extremely busy and staff are focused on critical issues such as eligible students requiring transportation, bus overloads and route timing issues.

Requests for a change in a bus stop location will be addressed after school start-up is completed later in September.

On behalf of all the staff at Student Transportation of Peel Region, *Welcome Back to Another School Year!* We look forward to serving your transportation needs this year.

Thank you

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