

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION

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Statement	Pursuant to the <i>Education Act R.S.O. 1990</i> , School Boards may provide transportation services for their students. With the goal of constantly improving their efficiency, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board have partnered in a consortium which has adopted guidelines pertaining to student transportation. Transportation is organized and supervised by STOPR.
Procedures of STOPR	<p>STOPR is committed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. providing safe and efficient transportation services in a reasonable period of time for the students, travelling to school and from the school; 2. providing transportation services for special needs students who cannot access regular transportation; 3. handling complaints, and requests for information or changes, on an individual basis, in accordance with the policies and procedures of STOPR;
Procedures for STOPR <u>staff</u>	<p>STOPR <u>staff</u> is responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. planning safe transportation routes in accordance with the policies and procedures of STOPR; 2. informing schools and school bus operators about the routes and pick-up and drop-off times for each route through the GeoQuery website @ businfo.stopr.ca; 3. planning efficient bus routes taking into account the following factors: safety, travel time, the number of students on the bus, the bus size, the number of buses per school and cost reduction;

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Procedures for STOPR <u>staff</u>	<p style="text-align: center;">STOPR <u>staff</u> is responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. planning efficient routes using the shortest possible trip to and from school on public access roads or highways; (excluding 400 series and the QEW highway) 5. receiving and assessing transportation change requests or new requests from schools; 6. ensuring transportation information is available to schools, bus operators and parents through the GeoQuery website @ businfo.stopr.ca; and 7. receiving and assessing suggestions from bus drivers through their bus operators regarding possible changes to the transportation routing, making decisions, notifying bus operator and schools;
Responsibilities of STOPR <u>staff</u>	<p style="text-align: center;">STOPR <u>staff</u> must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. manage and update bus transportation services on a daily basis; 2. remain in regular contact with bus operators and school principals to ensure the safe and efficient management of school transportation services on a daily basis; 3. maintain clear and regular communication with schools in order to inform them about policies, procedures, safety measures, etc.; 4. support school principals and bus drivers in maintaining discipline on the bus; and 5. conduct inspection visits and assessment activities pertaining to bus transportation services, in order to ensure that bus operators are complying with the Consortium's policies and procedures.