



## KINDERGARTEN TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

### IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION?

- Transportation is assigned according to STWDSTS policy (002) Transportation Eligibility. Your child must live within the school's attendance boundary **and** live further from school than the Maximum Walking Distance assigned to your child's grade level in order to qualify for transportation.  
Go to [www.stwdsts.ca](http://www.stwdsts.ca) to access all STWDSTS Transportation Policies.

### HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF MY CHILD WILL BE ABLE TO RIDE THE BUS?

- If you have access to the internet just go to [www.findmyschool.ca](http://www.findmyschool.ca) to determine if your child will be assigned to a school bus. You will be required to enter your exact municipal address (house number, street name, and municipality).

### HOW AND WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF MY CHILD'S BUS SCHEDULE?

- During the spring and summer Service de transport de Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Services (STWDSTS) plans and updates bus routes for the start of school in September. STWDSTS sends a transportation letter to the families of all **new** kindergarten students approximately two weeks before the first day of school.

### WHAT IF MY CHILD IS TO BE PICKED UP AND DROPPED OFF AT A CAREGIVER?

- Transportation will be provided in accordance with STWDSTS policy (034) Transportation for Child Care. Your child's address **and** your caregiver's address must be within **your** school's attendance boundary **and** meet the distance criteria for transportation. Provide your school with this information at the time of registration and follow up with a phone call to STWDSTS (519-824-4119) in May to ensure this alternate address has been received.

### CAN MY CHILD BE PICKED UP AT HOME AND DROPPED OFF AT THE CAREGIVER?

- Transportation will be provided in accordance with STWDSTS policy (034) Transportation for Child Care. Both addresses must be eligible for transportation to your child's school and there must be room on the alternate bus. The pick up and drop off addresses can be different but must be used consistently every day of the week - one address can be used for pick up all the time, and a different address for drop off all the time.

**CAN MY CHILD BE TRANSPORTED TO THE BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM OR BE TRANSPORTED HOME LATER BECAUSE HE/SHE IS IN THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM?**

- Transportation is not provided for the before or after school programs.

**MY CHILD IS ENROLLED IN THE BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM. IF BUSES ARE CANCELLED IN THE MORNING WILL MY CHILD BE TRANSPORTED HOME AFTER SCHOOL?**

- If buses are cancelled in the morning, they do not run in the afternoon. You will have to make arrangements to have your child picked up from school.

**IF I CHOOSE TO HAVE MY CHILD ONLY ATTEND CLASSES  $\frac{1}{2}$  DAYS CAN HE/SHE BE TRANSPORTED AT MID-DAY?**

- Buses only operate to bring students to school for the regular bell time in the morning and home/care givers at the regular time after school. You will have to make arrangements to have your child dropped off or picked up from school mid-day.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY ADDRESS CHANGES DURING THE SUMMER?**

- Call STWDSTS at **519-824-4119** with this information **as soon as possible**. Leave a detailed message with your child's name, school, complete address and phone number and a technician will call you with new bus information. **Please be advised that it can take several weeks to make a change in September after school starts.**

**WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD'S BUS IS LATE?**

- You need to know the name of the bus company that transports your child and the Route number. Go to [www.stwdsts.ca](http://www.stwdsts.ca) and click on the Bus Delays icon to view a list of reported bus delays. If your child's bus is not listed call your bus company directly.

**HOW DOES THE SCHOOL KNOW ON WHICH BUS MY CHILD RIDES?**

- All schools have access to current bus lists from STWDSTS. In addition, STWDSTS prepares transportation tags for each kindergarten and grade 1 student to wear which includes their name, bus route, and bus stop information.

**DO I NEED TO MEET MY CHILD WHEN THEY GET ON/OFF THE BUS?**

- Parents need to make arrangements for their child to get to and from their bus stop safely. Junior Kindergarten, Senior Kindergarten, and Grade 1 students must be accompanied to the bus stop and met at the bus stop in accordance with STWDSTS policy (O15) Accompaniment of Students at Bus Stop



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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**ANNUAL FIRST RIDER PROGRAM**  
**Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Information on how to register for The Annual Kindergarten Ride Program will be sent out to all elementary schools in May 2019. Feel free to check out our website [www.stwdsts.ca](http://www.stwdsts.ca) for further information or follow us on Twitter @STWDSTS.

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**SCHOOL BUS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 1. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF YOUR DRIVER.**
- 2. BE AT YOUR BUS STOP 5 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR PICK-UP TIME.**
- 3. STAY SEATED WHILE THE BUS IS IN MOTION.**
- 4. NO SMOKING, EATING, DRINKING, CHEWING GUM, OR SWEARING.**
- 5. KEEP BOOKS, LUNCH BOXES, AND OTHER BULKY ITEMS ON YOUR LAP.**
- 6. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DELIBERATE DAMAGE DONE TO THE BUS.**
- 7. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, LEAVE THE LAST ROW OF SEATS VACANT.**
- 8. PERSONAL RADIOS AND RECORDERS MAY BE USED WITH EARPHONES. RADIOS WITH SPEAKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE BUS.**