

Home-to-School Student Transportation	
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Associated Policies & Procedures: <a href="#">VI-98 School Bus Accident Procedure</a> <a href="#">VI-47 Inclement Weather - Transportation Cancellations and Emergency School Closures</a> <a href="#">I-30 Video Surveillance</a> <a href="#">VI-83 Video Surveillance Procedure</a> <a href="#">II-51 Optional French Programming (French Immersion and Extended French)</a> <a href="#">VI-53 Optional French Programming</a>	

## Purpose

To support and regulate the efficient provision of transportation services to eligible students of the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB).

## Application and Scope

This policy applies to all schools within the jurisdiction of the HCDSB and to all eligible students served by Halton Student Transportation Services (HSTS).

## References

[HSTS Accessible Transportation](#)

[HSTS Eligibility](#)

[HSTS Emergency Procedures](#)

[HSTS Operating Guidelines](#)

[HSTS Operating Procedure HS-2-002 – Student Responsibilities](#)

[HSTS Operating Procedure HS-2-008 – Disciplinary Action](#)

[HSTS Operating Procedure HS-3-013 – Distance Measurement](#)

[HSTS Operating Procedure HS-3-014 – Process for Appealing Decisions](#)

[HSTS Roles and Responsibilities](#)

## Principles

1. The Halton Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are conditions which warrant provision of transportation services for certain students, or as a result of safety concerns identified by HSTS;
2. The HCDSB understands that parents/guardians share in the responsibility for the safety and welfare of their children;
3. The HCDSB recognizes that transportation services that are provided for eligible students are by virtue rather than a right;
4. The HCDSB provides transportation services in the most safe, cost-effective and economically feasible manner as possible; as such, the HCDSB's transportation services are provided in a consortium (HSTS) consisting of the two (2) coterminous English Boards servicing Halton Region.

## Requirements

1. Transportation services may be provided for registered Halton Catholic District School Board students, residing within the Region of Halton based on the following:
  - 1.1. Distance from home to the designated home school;
  - 1.2. Distance from home to the designated HCDSB-Approved Program school boundary, offering transportation;
  - 1.3. Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) decisions;
  - 1.4. Hazardous walking conditions; and/or,
  - 1.5. Validated physical, emotional, developmental, and/or disciplinary reasons.
2. Transportation privileges may be withdrawn at any time if student responsibilities outlined in the *HSTS Operating Procedure HS-2-002 – Student Responsibilities* are not met. Notice of the withdrawal of bus privileges is outlined in *HSTS Operating Procedure HS-2-008 – Disciplinary Action*.
3. The following distances determine eligibility for home to school:

Grade	Distance
Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8	more than 1.6 km
Grade 9 to 12	more than 3.2 km

4. All measurements for transportation purposes will be calculated by HSTS using a Geographic Information System (GIS) with base map information provided by the Region of Halton. As outlined in *HSTS Operating Procedure HS-3-013 – Distance Measurement*, the home to bus stop distance calculation is measured from closest property line of the student's primary address to the closest property line of their HCDSB designated home school.
5. An appeal process will be used for the resolution of disputes regarding transportation eligibility, as outlined by *HSTS Operating Procedure HS-3-014 – Process for Appealing Decisions*.

6. The HCDSB recognizes that it may be necessary to alter transportation services as a result of safety concerns, or in order to accommodate the validated needs of students and/or their parent(s)/guardian(s) because of their identification with a ground or grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code.
7. For additional information on HSTS procedures pertaining to Eligibility; Roles and Responsibilities; Operating Guidelines; Emergency Procedures; and, Accessible Transportation, refer to [www.haltonbus.ca](http://www.haltonbus.ca)

APPROVED: Regular Meeting of the Board

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*Chair of the Board*