



Out of Boundary Transportation Request Information for Families of New Students Registering for Next School Year

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Student Transportation Services (STSCO) is the organization responsible for overseeing student busing for your School Board. This letter is intended to clarify Board Policy and the process for applying for Out of Boundary transportation, it is applicable to those who live outside of the boundary to the school of their choice and who are not eligible for transportation under School Board Policy as a result.

If you wish to have an Out of Boundary transportation request reviewed by STSCO in advance of the start of next school year, you must submit an Out of Boundary Transportation Request through the Parent Portal link on our website at www.stsco.ca by **May 31st**.

To assist, we would like to provide the following information concerning the application process.

- **Requests must be made annually**, and any resulting permission applies for one school year only.
- Requests will be date stamped by STSCO and reviewed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Requests will be considered based on space available on existing routes at existing bus stops. In many cases, requests cannot be granted as area bus routes will be filled with eligible students.
- New bus routes will NOT be created to accommodate out of boundary requests.
- Requests made after the May 31st will not be processed until after October 1st of the next school year.
- Bus routes change from year to year, which is why the request must be made annually.
- To obtain an update on the status of your request, please visit www.stsco.ca and click the “Parent Portal” link.

Please keep in mind that our priority is to accommodate eligible students who live within the school boundary and outside the school’s walk zone. STSCO will make every effort to fulfill out of boundary transportation requests, however those families who are not contacted by July 15th should understand that their request cannot be accommodated as there is no space on area bus routes. As a result, those families should make alternate arrangements to either transport their children to the school of their choice, for the entire upcoming school year, or consider attendance at their home school (i.e. the school whose regular boundary covers their residence address).

This information is provided in order that families can make informed decisions regarding their children’s attendance at the school of the family’s choice. Should you have any questions regarding our services, please visit our website, www.stsco.ca, or contact the STSCO office, at either (705) 748-5500 or 1-800-757-0307. STSCO wishes students all the best in the coming school year.

Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO)