

Yukon Education

Policy Subject: Student Transportation on School Buses - Ridership Guidelines

Date Passed: January 6, 2005

Policy No. 5004

Legislation:

- Education Act;
- Transportation Regulations
- DS 250 School Bus Regulations (Canada)
- Student Transportation in Government Vehicles

Policy Cross Reference:

- Student Transportation on Buses – Discipline Policy
- Student Transportation by Government Vehicles
- Field Trip Policy

The Department of Education supports:

1. Safe, secure and efficient transportation of students on school buses to and from their homes within the School Attendance Area.
2. Providing transportation support, where possible, for students to attend schools out of their School Attendance Area where circumstances warrant, and where the Department has approved attendance in a school out of the student's or family's School Attendance Area.
3. Where space permits, providing privileges for students travelling to an after school child care facility or extra-curricular activity outside of their School Attendance Area.

Definitions:

Bus capacity is generally defined as being three elementary students per seat and two high school students per seat, or a maximum of 72 students on 72 passenger buses or 54 students on a 54 passenger bus, per federal regulations. (Transport Canada Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and CSA D250).

School Attendance Area means the area within a neighborhood or community that the school is intended to support. (Appendix 1)

Peak times are those times, as defined by the Student Transportation Officer, when the largest numbers of eligible riders are riding the bus, generally between November – April.

Guidelines:

1. Bus routes are published annually outlining times, stops, routes and school destination and are available for viewing at any time on the Department web site.
2. Requests to send a student to a school out of the School Attendance Area must be made to the Director of Learning that is responsible for the school in which the student wishes to attend.
3. Transportation of students to schools outside of their School Attendance Areas remains a responsibility of the parents. At times, upon written approval by the Director of Learning, who will consult with the Student Transportation Officer, approval will be given for students to ride the bus to a school outside of their School Attendance Area. In those instances, priority will be given to students requiring bussing on regular routes in their own School Attendance Areas, and the decision will be made based on the capacity of the bus at peak times.
4. In situations where a parent wishes to make requests for a student to access a bus out of their School Attendance Area for reasons of after school day care or extra-curricular activities, a request shall be made in writing to the Student Transportation Officer.
5. The Student Transportation Officer will review this request and make a recommendation to the Director of Learning based on the bus capacity at peak times. If permission is granted it will be approved on an annual basis to ensure that priority is given to students travelling within their School Attendance Area and to enable the Student Transportation Officer to review the matter on an annual basis to ensure that space is available.
6. Additional buses and bus stops will not be added for out of area requests, and bus routes will not be changed in order to accommodate these requests. Students must use existing stops.
7. The Director of Learning will respond in writing to the applicant stating the reasons for approval or denial of the request.
8. No persons other than elementary and high school students may

ride a school bus. However, in certain circumstances, for purposes of student supervision, parents, teachers, and employees of the Yukon Government will be granted approval to ride a school bus.

Appendix 1

School Attendance Areas

Whitehorse Schools

Christ the King Elementary

Kindergarten to Grade 7 for students of the Roman Catholic faith who live in the attendance area for downtown Whitehorse, the subdivisions of McCrae, Wolf Creek, McLean Lake, Mary Lake, Pineridge, Golden Horn, Hillcrest, Valleyview, Granger, McIntyre, Copper Ridge, Arkell, Logan, Paddle Wheel Village, Lobird Trailer Court, Canyon Crescent, South Klondike Hwy., Alaska Hwy., Atlin Road.

École Émilie-Tremblay

Kindergarten to Grade 12 for students eligible for French First Language education.

Elijah Smith Elementary

Kindergarten to Grade 7 students from Granger, Arkell, Copper Ridge, McIntyre, Valleyview, Hillcrest, McLean Lake, McCrae, Lobird Trailer Park, Paddlewheel Village and Canyon Crescent.

F.H. Collins Secondary

English Program: Grades 8 to 12 for students who live in the attendance area for Grey Mountain Primary, Selkirk Elem., Whitehorse Elem., and Golden Horn Elem. schools.
French Immersion Program: Grades 8 to 12 for students who live in the Whitehorse area.

Golden Horn Elementary

Kindergarten to Grade 7 for students in the subdivisions of Judas Creek, Marsh Lake, New Constabulary, Old Constabulary, South McClintock, North McClintock, Golden Horn, Robinson, Cowley Creek, Mary Lake, Wolf Creek, Pineridge, Spruce Hill, Jakes Corner, Atlin Road, Kettley's Canyon, South Klondike Hwy, Bear Creek, Annie Lake Road, Alaska Hwy. South of McCrae

Grey Mountain Primary

Kindergarten to Grade 3 for students living in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Hidden Valley Elementary

Kindergarten to Grade 7 students from MacPherson, Pilot Mountain, Hidden Valley, Mendenhall, Old Alaska Hwy., Echo Valley, Lake Laberge, Takhini Hot Springs Road, North Klondike Hwy., Alaska Hwy., and Scout Lake Road.

Holy Family Elementary

Kindergarten to Grade 7 for students of the Roman Catholic faith who live in the subdivisions of Porter Creek, Crestview, Takhini, Kopper King, MacPherson, Pilot Mountain, Hidden Valley and Mendenhall, MacKenzie Trailer Court, Northland Trailer Park, Takhini Trailer Park, Yukon College Student Residence, Alaska Hwy., North Klondike Hwy.

Jack Hulland Elementary

Kindergarten to Grade 7 students from Porter Creek, Crestview, MacKenzie Trailer Park, and the Alaska Hwy., (from McIntyre Creek to 1.6 km before its intersection with the North Klondike Hwy.).

Porter Creek Secondary

Grades 8 to 12 for students in the attendance areas for Takhini Elem., Jack Hulland Elem., Elijah Smith Elem. and Hidden Valley Elem.

Selkirk Elementary

Kindergarten to Grade 7 for students living in Riverdale and Wickstrom Road, except those attending Grey Mountain Primary.

Takhini Elementary

Kindergarten to Grade 7 students from Takhini, Kopper King Trailer Park, Northland Trailer Park, Takhini Trailer Park, Crow Street, Swan Street, Fish Lake Road and the Yukon College Student Residence.

Vanier Catholic Secondary

Grades 8 to 12 for students of the Roman Catholic faith who live in the Whitehorse area.

Whitehorse Elementary

English Program: Students in Kindergarten to Grade 7 living in the downtown and Marwell areas.

French Immersion Program: Students in Kindergarten to Grade 7 who live in the Whitehorse area.

Rural Schools**Nelna Bessie John School
Beaver Creek**

Kindergarten to Grade 9 for students in Beaver Creek and area.

**Carcross School
Carcross, Yukon**

Kindergarten to Grade 9 for students in Carcross, Tagish and areas.

**Chief Zzeh Gittlit School
Old Crow, Yukon,**

Kindergarten to Grade 10 for students in Old Crow and area.

Del Van Gorder School

Kindergarten to Grade 12 for students in Faro and area.

Eliza Van Bibber School

Kindergarten to Grade 12 for students in Pelly Crossing and area.

J.V. Clark School

Kindergarten to Grade 12 for students in Mayo, Keno, Stewart Crossing and areas.

Johnson Elementary

Kindergarten to Grade 7 for students in Watson Lake and area.

Kluane Lake School

Kindergarten to Grade 8 for students in Destruction Bay, Burwash Landing and areas.

Robert Service School

Kindergarten to Grade 12 for students in Dawson City and area.

Ross River School

Ross River, Yukon

Kindergarten to Grade 10 for students in Ross River and area.

St. Elias Community School

Haines Junction, Yukon

Kindergarten to Grade 12 for students in Haines Junction and area.

Tantalus School

Carmacks, Yukon

Kindergarten to Grade 12 for students in Carmacks and area.

Teslin School

Teslin, Yukon

Kindergarten to Grade 9 for students in Teslin and area.

Watson Lake Secondary

Grade 8 to 12 for students in Watson Lake and area.