

Bussing is available to students in areas where ECACS has established bus routes. ECACS also has an agreement with Buffalo Trail Public Schools and with Clearview School Division to provide transportation in other service areas for eligible students who reside 2.4km or farther from their designated school.

Procedures

1. Only authorized passengers will be transported. Students may request authorization from the Principal/School Administration.
2. Prior to each school year the Transportation Lead establishes bus schedules and routes.
3. Rural student will receive gate service immediately adjacent to the road allowance on which the school bus travels.
4. A bus stop location other than a property gate may be designated for safety or scheduling efficiency. For example, if rural residences are in close proximity, or if back tracking and turnabouts are required, common pick-up and delivery points will be used.
5. The Division expects bus drivers and principals to maintain levels of student discipline on the bus, consistent with AP 609 - Bus Rules and Discipline Matters.
 - 5.1 The bus driver is responsible for maintaining an acceptable level of student discipline on the bus. Problems that cannot be resolved by the bus driver are to be referred to the principal, who will evaluate the situation and initiate an appropriate response.
6. The principal is responsible for informing students and parents of transportation procedures.
7. Parents are to notify the bus driver and the principal when they will no longer require bus service.

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Reference: Section 37, 10, 59, 53, 52, 222, 225 Education Act
Traffic Safety Act
Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation 121/2009 (amended AR 78/2013)
Student Transportation Regulation 250/98 (amended AR 197/2000)
St. Thomas Aquinas R.C.S.R.D No. 38 AP 550 – Student Transportation Services