

TRANSPORTATION OF MINISTRY IDENTIFIED SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Background

Transportation for students with Ministry identified special needs is provided balancing the needs of the student with the requirement to safely transport all students to school. Requests for the transportation of students with Ministry identified special needs shall be considered on the individual circumstances of the student and the collective circumstances of the bus and bus route the student rides.

Procedures

1. Students with Ministry identified special needs that are mobile and exhibit a high level of self control may be transported on the same basis as a regular passenger.
2. Students with Ministry identified special needs that are not mobile or do not exhibit a high level of self control may be transported to and from school provided that:
 - 2.1 An evaluation of the student be completed by a special needs consultant to provide information to assist with a decision.
 - 2.2 An Individual Education Plan (IEP) is completed including specific program needs that relate to riding independently.
 - 2.3 The Director of Instruction, Learning Services is responsible for directing specific modifications that may be required to attend to the specific needs of the student.
 - 2.4 The bus driver, parents, Principal and aide, where applicable, keep an open line of communications regarding the needs and progress of the student.
 - 2.5 Where the student is secured through a harness or locking mechanism (as in the case of a wheelchair) that appropriate arrangements be made by the bus driver to release the student and assist them to safety in the case of an emergency.

Reference: Sections 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act
School Regulation 265/89

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