

# STUDENT TRANSPORTATION 2023/24

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2023

## Health Awareness:

- Everyone entering an SD42 facility should practice health awareness, including staying home when sick.
- Buses used for transporting students will be cleaned in accordance with the recommendations made by the BC CDC and/or the Ministry of Education and Child Care.
- Bus drivers and students are to practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Bus drivers, teachers and students may choose to wear masks or face coverings when they are on the bus.

## Regular student transportation is not guaranteed for eligible students who register after the June 30 deadline

- Parents/guardians of eligible students must register their children for regular student transportation.
- Students registered for regular student transportation in the 2022/23 school year **must re-register** if they want this service for the 2023/24 school year.
- Registration is done online through the school district [Parent Portal](#) (see Registration Step-By-Step Guide). Please register each student individually. Under "1. Residential address," please use the address where you will be residing on September 5, 2023.

## REGULAR BUS TRANSPORTATION IS OFFERED FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ATTENDING:

- **Blue Mountain Elementary**
- **Garibaldi Secondary**
- **Highland Park Elementary**
- **Pitt Meadows Secondary**
- **Webster's Corners Elementary**
- **Whonnock Elementary**

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students for regular student transportation are defined as:

- Resident primary students (Grades K-3) and their siblings attending the same school who live farther than 4 kilometers from their catchment area school.
- All other resident students (Grades 4-12) who live farther than 4.8 kilometers from their catchment area school.

Transportation will be provided to eligible students with special needs (Ministry categories: A - Physically Dependent; B – Deafblind; C - Moderate to Profound Intellectual Disability; D - Physical Disability or Chronic Health Impairment; E - Visual Impairment; F - Deaf or Hard of Hearing; G - Autism Spectrum Disorder) who live within the catchment area for their school but are unable to independently walk to school or use public transportation– or are required by the District to attend a specialized program and are unable to walk to school or use public transportation.

*Please note that this does not include the French Immersion school catchment area.*

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students (non-residents) will have to fill out a paper application form obtained from the International Education Department @ 604.466.6555 (ask for Lucie Bertrand). Transportation fees for international students are the same as those for local residents. Registration deadline is **June 30, 2023**.

## SCHOOL BUS ROUTES AND ROSTER CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE MADE THE WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS.

Please note registered riders are required to use transportation services on a regular basis. Occasional use of transportation services (i.e. less than 50% per month) may result in the cancellation of transportation services for the student.

## LATE REGISTRANTS

Registrations received from **eligible riders after June 30, 2023**, will be considered late registrations. If there are available seats on existing routes, late registrants will be accommodated on a first come, first seated basis.

## COURTESY RIDERS

Registration for ineligible/courtesy riders will **open September 1, 2023**. Applications will be considered only if there are available seats on existing routes. Transportation fees must be paid before a bus route is assigned.

The Board, at its discretion, may provide bus service for ineligible students. The provision of additional bus service would be made after considering the following factors:

- The amount of available seating space on the bus;
- That there is no modification of the existing bus route;
- Siblings of eligible students with special needs will have greater priority;
- Distance from school on the basis that students who live furthest from the catchment school will have the greater priority; and
- The age of the student on the basis that younger students will have the greater priority.

Parents or guardians who obtain approval to transfer their children to a school other than the catchment area school are responsible for providing their own transportation.

## TRANSPORTATION FEES

Transportation fees for 2023/24 are as follows for **eligible** riders:

First Child	\$330.00
Second Child	\$330.00
Third Child +	\$105.00

Transportation fees for 2023/24 are as follows for **courtesy** riders:

First Child	\$400.00
Second Child	\$400.00
Third Child +	\$130.00

Transportation fees are not refundable and will not be pro-rated for late registrants.

Families who experience financial hardship are eligible for a fee waiver under the Board's hardship policy. The low-income waiver form for transportation fees is available within Section 5000 of the Policy Manual on the school district website.

## ALL FEES ARE DUE: AUGUST 15, 2023

Payment can be made via credit card on the Parent Portal, or by cash/cheque drop off at SD42 Maintenance - 23889 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge.

*Families who are experiencing financial hardship but do not qualify under the district hardship policy can contact the transportation department at [transportation@sd42.ca](mailto:transportation@sd42.ca) to make alternate payment arrangements. **Payment or alternate payment arrangements must be made prior to your child riding the bus.***

*If you have any other questions regarding Regular Student Transportation for 2023/24, contact the Transportation Department at [transportation@sd42.ca](mailto:transportation@sd42.ca)*