

SD42 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION 2024/25

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **JUNE 28, 2024**

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 Centre for Disease Control 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.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Regular student transportation is not guaranteed for eligible students who register after the June 28 deadline.

- Parents/guardians of eligible students must register their children for regular student transportation.
- Students registered for regular student transportation in the 2023/24 school year **must re-register** if they want this service for the 2024/25 school year.
- Registration is done online through the school district [Parent Portal](#) (see enclosed *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 3, 2024.

Regular bus transportation is offered for eligible students attending the following schools:

- 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* 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.

* Ministry categories of students with special needs applicable for transportation:

- A - Physically Dependent;
- B - Deaf-Blind;
- 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

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 28, 2024**.

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 AND COURTESY RIDERS

Registrations received from **eligible riders after 4:00 p.m. on June 28, 2024**, will be considered late registrations.

1. Consideration of Late Registrations and Ineligible/Courtesy Riders

Late registrations from eligible riders and ineligible/courtesy riders will be accommodated based on the following criteria and order, provided there are available seats on existing routes:

- 1) No modification of the existing bus route
- 2) Greater priority given to eligible students
- 3) Greater priority given to siblings of eligible students
- 4) Greater priority given to students living furthest from the catchment school
- 5) Greater priority given to younger students

2. Application Deadline for Late Registrations and Ineligible/Courtesy Riders

The application deadline for late registrations and ineligible/courtesy riders for the 2024/25 school year is August 30, 2024.

Applicants will be notified on **September 6, 2024**, regarding the result of their bus service application.

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 2024/25 are as follows for eligible riders and courtesy riders:

First Child	\$420
Second Child	\$420
Third Child +	\$135

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 16, 2024**

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 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 2024/25, contact the Transportation Department at transportation@sd42.ca.