

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION 2025/26
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 27, 2025

Health Awareness:

- Everyone entering a Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District 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 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 27 deadline.

- Parents/guardians of eligible students must register their children for regular student transportation.
- Students registered for regular student transportation in the 2024/25 school year **must re-register** if they want this service for the 2025/26 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 2, 2025.

REGULAR BUS TRANSPORTATION IS OFFERED FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ATTENDING:

- **Blue Mountain Elementary**
- **Garibaldi Secondary** (*who are not residing in Silver Valley/ Rockridge area**)
- **Highland Park Elementary**
- **Pitt Meadows Secondary**
- **Webster’s Corners Elementary**
- **Whonnock Elementary**

**As part of the 2025/26 budget process, the Board of Education made the decision to discontinue the routes serving Garibaldi Secondary students living in the Silver Valley and Rockridge areas. This decision was driven by escalating financial pressures and the need to focus limited resources on core educational services. In making this decision, the board also considered low ridership on the routes, the availability of public transit, and recent infrastructure improvements in the affected areas (e.g., sidewalks, lighting, and crosswalks). Coast Mountain Bus Company has indicated that they have the ability to adjust service levels and timing in the area to better align with school schedules. If Coast Mountain is unable to increase service levels, the district will explore a full cost recovery model that could allow for the reinstatement of one or both routes, with fees set to fully cover the cost of the service.*

ELIBIGILITY

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 disabilities and diverse abilities* 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 for students with disabilities and diverse abilities are as follows: 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.*

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. Transportation fees for international students are the same as those for local residents. Registration deadline is **June 27, 2025**.

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 June 27, 2025**, 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 school catchment
 - 5) Greater priority given to younger students
2. Application deadline for late registrations and ineligible/courtesy riders is **September 19, 2025**.

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 2025/26 are as follows for eligible riders and courtesy riders:

First Child	\$441.00
Second Child	\$441.00
Third Child +	\$140.00

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: SEPTEMBER 05, 2025

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 2025/26, contact the Transportation Department at transportation@sd42.ca