

AP 550 – Student Transportation

Background

The District will provide transportation services, or transportation support, for students living beyond the established walk limits to their catchment school.

School District #45 has adopted the following walk limits effective September 1, 2010:

Kindergarten to Grade 3 students:	4.0 kms from their catchment school
Grade 4 to Grade 12 students:	4.8 kms from their catchment school

General Transportation Guidelines:

1. Cross Boundary Students (those not attending their catchment school) are not eligible for transportation service.
2. Students attending programs of choice outside their school catchment are not eligible for transportation service.
3. Students eligible for transportation (attending their catchment school but living beyond established walk limits), will be provided with bus transportation where a bus is warranted by numbers of students. Where a bus is not warranted, alternate support will be provided.
4. Bowen Island Community School students will receive District-funded bus transportation from Monday to Friday.
5. Bowen Island Secondary students attending West Vancouver secondary schools in Grades 8 to 12 will receive transportation support to their catchment secondary school only.
6. International Students identified by the International office as requiring transportation service, will be supported.
7. Students who believe they are eligible for transportation service or support must complete and submit an online “Student Transportation Request Form” by June 1st of each year.

Only those students who have been confirmed by the West Vancouver School District as eligible for transportation services will have access to a seat on a school bus.

Eligible students/families will receive an email from the school district confirming their status, as well as detailed information about bus routes and student ridership identification requirements.

Eligible students will be assigned to a specific bus route number. Students must present their current school year “go card”, with bus sticker attached, in order to access their bus.

8. Transportation on the first day of school in September each year:
 - a. Secondary students eligible for transportation will receive morning service only on the first day of school.
 - b. Lions Bay students attending Gleneagles Elementary will receive morning bus service only on the first day of school.
 - c. There will be no “first day of school” bus service for Bowen Island Community School students.
 - d. There will be no “first day of school” bus service on Bowen Island for secondary students. Morning service only will be provided from the Horseshoe Bay hub to secondary schools.
9. Transportation for “final exam weeks” in June each year:
 - a. Transportation service for eligible secondary students (Grade 10 – 12) will be provided in the morning only.
10. The Manager of Transportation will be responsible for ensuring that transportation service or support is provided to eligible students under the guidelines as provided above. The transportation services will be established to operate within the operating budget established by the Board.
11. School Principals will be advised of all changes in bus transportation.