



Niagara Catholic District School Board  
**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION POLICY**  
STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE POLICY

500 – Auxiliary Services

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In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, and in accordance with the *Education Act*, school boards may provide home-to-school or school-to-school transportation for their students who are resident pupils within the jurisdiction of the Board.

Transportation may be provided for elementary and secondary school students when the walking distance from the student's residence to their home school is equal to or greater than the distance listed below:

Grade Level	Kilometers
Kindergarten	.80
Grades 1-8	1.60
Grades 9-12	3.20

All distances referenced shall be the shortest walking route, measured from the point at which the laneway or driveway of the student's residence joins the roadway to the nearest roadway or pathway/sidewalk entrance to the school property. The distance from a student's residence to the bus pickup or discharge location shall not exceed the transportation eligibility distances. Where a student encounters safety hazards on his/her walk to school with the approval of the Family of Schools' Superintendent of Education and the Executive Director of Niagara Student Transportation Services, consideration may be given to providing appropriate transportation for the student.

In some cases, requests for transportation may be considered for students with special education needs, with the approval of the Family of Schools' Superintendent of Education and the Superintendent of Student Support Services (Special Education).

In consultation with the Executive Director of Niagara Student Transportation Services, transportation may be provided to students, who attend a school other than their home school for approved program attendance, with the approval of the Family of Schools' Superintendent of Education and the Superintendent of Program and Innovation.

Whenever possible and practical, transportation time from home to school is not expected to exceed one hour.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child gets to and from school safely when a student is ineligible for Board transportation.

The Director of Education, in consultation with the Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS), will issue [Administrative Operational Procedures](#) for the implementation of this policy.

### References

- [Education Act](#)
- [Niagara Student Transportation Services Consortium](#)
- [Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures](#)
  - [Accessibility Standards Policy \(800.8\)](#)
  - [Admission of Elementary and Secondary Students Policy \(301.1\)](#)
  - [Educational Field Trips \(400.2\) AOP](#)

- [\*School Operations for Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure Policy \(500.1\)\*](#)

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