

POLICY CHANGES

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

In April 2014, the Near North District School Board passed the following motion regarding the transportation of *elementary students* and moving forward, all transportation assignments will be based on this policy:

"The Near North District School Board is committed to providing transportation in an efficient and cost effective fashion for its elementary students subject to eligibility and distance. The Board also expects students to attend their home zoned elementary school subject to program considerations and special education exceptionalities requiring programming not available in the student's home school.

1. Transportation will be provided for elementary students to and from their home zoned school based upon their residential address.
2. Transportation will be provided to and from daycare, for elementary students attending daycare only where that daycare is in the same zone as their home zoned school and subject to distance requirements.
3. Should a student attend an elementary school that is not their home zoned school for reasons other than programming based on special education requirements, that student will only be provided transportation to a daycare that is in the zone of the school that they attend and subject to distance requirements. Such attendance will be predicated on space being available at the receiving school. Under no circumstances, other than programme reasons noted above, will the Board incur any financial costs.
4. An appeal committee will be established on an "as needed" basis and will consist of two Trustees and two staff persons. Ordinarily, one of the Trustees will be the Trustee elected from the zone where the student resides. This committee will be the final decision making authority in elementary attendance and transportation issues."

SECONDARY STUDENTS

In June 2014, the Near North District School Board passed the following motion regarding the transportation of **secondary students** and moving forward, all transportation assignments will be based on this policy:

"That the Board accept the following Policy in regard to secondary school attendance and transportation as it pertains to Almaguin Highlands Secondary School and its feeder schools.

1. The Near North District School Board is committed to providing transportation in an efficient and cost effective fashion for its secondary students subject to eligibility and distance. The Board also expects students to attend their home zone secondary school.
2. Transportation will be provided for Almaguin region secondary students based on their residential address to Almaguin Highlands Secondary School. Criteria for determining eligibility for transportation is based on the existing boundaries of the following feeder school: South Shore, Mapleridge, Argyle, South River, Sundridge. Students residing in these areas are eligible for transportation to Almaguin Secondary School only.
3. Should a student choose to attend a secondary school other than Almaguin they are ineligible for transportation. Under no circumstances will the board incur any financial cost.
4. An appeal committee will be established on an "as needed" basis and will consist of two Trustees and two staff persons. Ordinarily, one of the Trustees will be the Trustee elected from the zone where the student resides. This committee will be the final decision making authority in secondary attendance and transportation issues."

Please note that for all other secondary schools, it is the expectation that students attend the school they are zoned for. Transportation will only be approved if there is "no additional cost to the Board".