



Turtle River School Division

BOARD POLICY #17 Transportation

The Board is responsible for the provision of safe, reliable and cost-effective transportation to all eligible students requiring access to educational programs at division-operated schools within the Division. The Board will assist in providing transportation services for students participating in approved co-curricular and extra-curricular programs when feasible and within established administrative criteria.

The Board believes that an on-going investment in student transportation, including the maintenance, upkeep and replacement of school buses, is in the public's best interest. Regular review and evaluation of bus life cycles and appropriate expenditures for preventative and required maintenance extends the useful life of the fleet and protects the Division's transportation investment.

It is the responsibility of senior administration to develop transportation management procedures based on the following principles.

- Student safety is paramount.
- Bus transportation, organization and management must adhere to all provincial legislation and regulations.
- In addition to student safety, the school timetable and route duration are fundamental considerations when establishing transportation service.
- The highest level of service in terms of quality and accessibility will be provided within annual budgetary considerations.
- The Board's only direct involvement in transportation management is to hear appeals to decisions made by senior administration.