Northeastern Catholic District School Board

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	
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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) recognizes that safe and reliable student transportation supports equitable access to education. In accordance with the *Education Ac*t, the NCDSB may provide transportation for pupils enrolled in schools it operates. Transportation is considered a privilege, not a right, and is provided under conditions that ensure student safety, efficient operations, and fiscal responsibility.

The NCDSB fulfills its transportation responsibilities through membership in a Consortium. The Consortium establishes and administers policies and procedures that govern student transportation on behalf of its member boards. The NCDSB is committed to supporting these policies and working collaboratively with students, parents/guardians, and the Consortium to maintain safe and effective transportation services.

REFERENCES

Education Act
Highway Traffic Act
Occupational Health and Safety Act
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

DEFINITIONS

Consortium
The transportation Consortium jointly operated by member school boards, responsible for establishing and administering student transportation policies, procedures, and operations.

Eligibility
The criteria, as determined by the Consortium, that define which students qualify for transportation services (school boundary, distance from school, program needs).

Privilege
Transportation is a service that may be provided by a Board; it is not a right and may be suspended or withdrawn in cases of misconduct, safety concerns, or other violations of Board or Consortium policies.

POLICY REGULATIONS

1.0 Student eligibility for transportation services shall be determined in accordance with the criteria established by the Consortium.

2.0 All operational practices, including routing, scheduling, and cancellations shall be managed by the Consortium under its polices and procedures.

3.0 Students accessing transportation are required to comply with the NCDSB Code of Conduct and all safety expectations established by the Consortium.

4.0 Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring that their child's transportation arrangements are understood and that students arrive at and depart from designated pick-up and drop-off locations safely.

5.0 The NCDSB reserves the right to modify or withdraw transportation privileges in cases of non-compliance with safety or conduct requirements.

6.0 The provision of student transportation services is subject to the availability of resources and the NCDSB's commitment to fiscal responsibility.