

Policy Section: Transportation

Policy Title: Eligibility for Transportation

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2. ELIGIBILITY FOR TRANSPORTATION

2A. Where roads are municipally assumed & maintained, passable and where cul-de-sacs (of adequate size to safely accommodate a vehicle turnaround) are accessible, transportation may be provided for pupils residing more than:

Grade	To/From School	To/From Stop
Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten	0.5 km (0.3 mile)	0.5 km (0.3 mile)
Grade 1 to 6	1.6 km (1 mile)	1.6 km (1 mile)
Grade 7 to 12 (rural)	1.6 km (1 mile)	1.6 km (1 mile)
Grade 7 to 12 (urban/developed)	2.5 km (1.55 mile)	2.5 km (1.55 mile)

Usually posted 60 km/hour or less as set out by the RCJTC non-transportable zones.

Identified safety hazards, as set out by the RCJTC, may reduce the distance requirement.

All pick up and drop off stops will be established by the RCJTC.

2B. Pupils 21 Years and Older

2B.1 According to the Education Act:

Resident pupil qualification, elementary

Resident pupil qualification: elementary English-language public district school boards and elementary public-school authorities

- **33.** (1) Subject to sections 44 and 46, a person who attains the age of six years in any year is, after September 1 in that year, qualified to be a resident pupil in respect of a school section [attendance zone] of an English-language public district school board or of a public-school authority until the last school day in June in the year in which the person attains the age of 21 years if,
- (a) the person resides in the school section [attendance zone]; and
- (b) the person's parent or guardian who is not a separate school supporter or a French- language district school board supporter resides in the school section. 1997, c. 31, s. 14.

Resident pupil qualification: elementary English-language separate district school boards and elementary Roman Catholic school authorities

- **33.** (3) Subject to sections 44 and 46, a person who attains the age of six years in any year is, after September 1 in that year, qualified to be a resident pupil in respect of a separate school zone of an English-language separate district school board or of a Roman Catholic school authority for elementary school purposes until the last school day in June in the year in which he or she attains the age of 21 years if,
- (a) the person resides in the separate school zone; and
- (b) the person's parent or guardian who is a separate school supporter and who is not a French-language separate district school board supporter resides in the separate school zone. 1997, c. 31, s. 14.
- **2B.2** Therefore, pupils 21 years and older are ineligible for transportation grants and as such, they shall not be authorized to ride on the RCJTC contracted vehicles.

2C. Calculation of Distances

- **2C.1** The calculation of distances, to determine eligibility for transportation, will be the distance by public road from home to the normal bus loading/unloading area of the school/access point (i.e. gate of the school) using the shortest route.
- **2C.2** Public roads are deemed to be roads under the jurisdiction of a municipality and maintained year-round, as part of the current municipal road system.
- **2C.3** Pathways, deemed to be safe by the RCJTC and community at large, may be used in the calculation of the shortest route.

2D. Safety/Hazard Zones

Transportation may be provided for pupils, notwithstanding the distance requirements set out by the RCJTC, where pedestrian hazards and/or individual hardships are identified and recommended by the RCJTC.

2E. Transported/Walking Zones

Transported/walking zones shall be established by the RCJTC in accordance with the foregoing regulations and outlined on maps. Also, the RCJTC may specify a common transported/walking zone where two schools are located in the same vicinity.

Related RCJTC Administrative Procedures

AP.01.01 AP.01.04	New Student Registration Assignment Procedure Young Student Registration
AP.01.06	Procedure Designated Stop Change
711 .01.00	Request Procedure
AP.01.07	Joint Custody Procedure
AP.01.08	Temporary Seat Procedure
AP.03.03	Hazard Checklist Procedure

Related RCJTC Forms

F.1.6.1	Request for Stop Location Review Form
F.1.6.2	Stop Location Review- Observation Form
F.1.8.1	Temporary Seat Application Form
F.1.8.2	Letter of Authorization/Denial for Temporary Seat.