# KINDERGARTEN TRANSPORTATION

All policies, procedures, and information regarding transportation can be found on the buskids website: <a href="www.buskids.ca">www.buskids.ca</a>.

## Is my child eligible for busing?

In order to determine if your child is eligible for busing to their new school you can access the buskids website at www.buskids.ca.

Click on the above link, then click on Transportation

Eligibility, put in your address and the system will tell you if your child is eligible to busing.

### Yes, my child gets busing, but they go to a daycare or babysitter, what do I do?

If your child is in daycare or at a sitters and the daycare or sitter is within the school boundary, your child can be transported from that address. To determine if the daycare or sitter is eligible you can contact the school, student transportation or enter the address using the Geoquery tool (above note) and input the address of the daycare or sitter. We do not provide multiple pick up or drop off points.

I live out of bounds for the school but the daycare my children attend is within the school boundary, can they attend the school and get transportation?

Eligibility for transportation is based on your home address so even if the school allows you to attend out of boundary there will be no transportation provided.

#### Will my child be picked up in front of my house?

Door to door service is not provided except in large rural areas where there are no safe community stop locations. Lack of sidewalks is not considered a hazard or a reason for door-to-door service. The bus stops are located at community stops wherever possible and consistent with all four school boards in the area.

#### Do I have to use the bus every day?

School bus transportation must be used consistently, at minimum three (3) days per week.

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### **DESIGNATES**

JK and SK students must be accompanied to and from their bus stop. A bus driver is not permitted to drop-off a JK/SK student unless there is a designate at the bus stop to meet them. The designate can be an adult, a student 12 years of age or older or a sibling 10 years of age or older. If the designate is not at the stop, the driver has no choice but to return the child to the Please note: If your child is returned to school more than one time, transportation privileges will be suspended. If someone new is going to meet your child, you need to update the designates with your school. Students are only released to designated persons listed on the application for transportation. Please review Policies GT-005 and GT-006 on our website for the Responsibilities of Parents and Students

ALL JK/SK STUDENTS ARE IDENTIFIED WITH A PURPLE TAG THAT MUST BE ATTACHED TO THEIR BACKPACKS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD'S TAG IS ON THEIR BAG EACH DAY AS THIS IS THE WAY THE DRIVER IDENTIFIES STUDENTS REQUIRING DESIGNATES. YOUR SCHOOL WILL DISTRIBUTE THESE TAGS.

Pursuant to the Education Act, school boards may provide transportation to their students. Transportation is a privilege not a right. School bus rules and regulations are set to maintain a safe and reliable mode of transportation. Failure to abide by the rules will result in the loss of transportation privileges.

Windsor Essex Student Transportation Services provide transportation to students based on the following distances from their home address to the school:

JK & SK – greater than 1.0 km Grade 1 – 8 – greater than 1.6 kms Grade 9 – 12 – greater than 3.2 kms

