

Transportation to Elementary Alternative Programs



Student Transportation at Edmonton Public Schools strives to provide safe and efficient transportation for more than 25,000 students who take a bus to school each day.

Edmonton Transit (ETS)

ETS is the preferred means of student transportation.

We work closely with ETS to ensure all students have access to close and reliable transit routes. ETS passes are available at a subsidized price through your child's school. For more information on ETS route and schedule information, contact ETS at 780-496-1611 or visit www.takeETS.com.

Yellow bus transportation

Edmonton Public Schools may provide yellow bus service to elementary students in the following alternative programs:

- Arabic Bilingual
- Arts Core
- Challenge
- Child Study Centre
- Cogito
- Community
- Christian Education
- Cree
- French Immersion
- German Bilingual
- Hebrew Bilingual
- International Spanish Academy
- Logos Christian
- Mandarin Bilingual
- Science Alternative
- Sports Alternative
- Traditional
- Ukrainian International Bilingual

In order to ensure the best possible services for our students, the need for bus service requirements are continually reviewed to gauge demand and ride times. Additions or deletions to the number of programs eligible for bus service are made at the District's discretion.

Students wishing to attend an alternative program at a school outside of their neighbourhood are not eligible for yellow bus or ETS service if the same program is offered at their neighbourhood school. Students attending their neighbourhood school are also not eligible for yellow bus or ETS service. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact your child's school.

Student Transportation supports schools in their instructional focus by ensuring that our students are transported in a safe and timely manner and arrive ready to learn.

Student Transportation

Monday to Friday · 7 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Tel: 780-429-8585



YELLOW BUS Transportation

How to apply

To ensure your child receives bus service on the first day of school, you must complete an application form before May 15 for each year that yellow bus transportation is required. Application forms are available at your child's school.

Confirmation letters are mailed in mid-August with details regarding route numbers, stop locations and pick-up and drop-off times based on the information on your child's application. Route information is also available at your child's school prior to the first day of school. Once confirmed for services, you will also receive a copy of our *Parents' Guide to Yellow Bus Service*.

Yellow bus passes

Every student registered to ride yellow bus transportation must carry a yellow bus pass with them at all times. Yellow bus passes are available for purchase at your child's school throughout the school year.

Transportation fees for yellow bus service are set annually and are payable to your child's school in exchange for a monthly bus pass. This fee must be paid annually or monthly to ensure your child receives uninterrupted bus service. Please contact your child's school or the Student Transportation department at 780-429-8585 for current fees.

Conditional riders

Conditional riders are students who are not eligible to receive yellow bus service, but may request to ride on an existing yellow bus route if there is space on the bus.

Requests for conditional ridership are considered during the application process, and are assigned to a bus route only after all eligible students have been assigned. Most conditional applicants are approved and informed prior to the start of school; however, routes with higher loads cannot have approvals completed until all eligible riders have been assigned – possibly as late as October. Alternate transportation plans should be made.

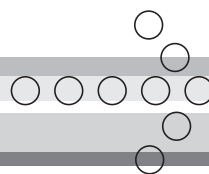
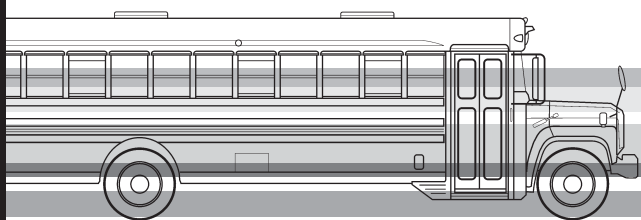
School Bus Safety

Our top priority is student safety. Students are expected to behave in a responsible manner at the bus stop, during loading and unloading, and while the bus is en route. Students are responsible to the bus operator and principal for their behaviour. You can help us ensure the safety of all passengers by teaching your child the importance of following pedestrian and bus safety rules at all times.

All yellow school buses within the District are maintained to the highest standard and are equipped with two-way radios. All drivers have additional safety driving certification and first aid training. Schools also have access to safety education programs.

The principal of your child's school reserves the right to suspend busing privileges when they feel it is necessary. Bus service will be reinstated when the issue has been resolved.

As a parent/caregiver, you are responsible for bringing your child to the bus and for taking custody of your child from the bus after the return trip home. Drivers are instructed that Kindergarten students will not be unloaded without a guardian to accept custody of the child.



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