

<b><u>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</u></b>	
<b><u>POLICY</u></b>	
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>	<b>P-2010</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Student Transportation Services (Home to School)</b>
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	STOPR and STWDSTS Procedures
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	March 26, 2002
<b>AMENDED DATE:</b>	May 26, 2015; January 28, 2020; June 17, 2025

*“For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.”*

*Psalm 91:11*

## **A. OVERVIEW**

1. Pursuant to the *Education Act R.S.O.1990*, school boards may provide home-to-school transportation services for their students.
2. Transportation of students in Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga shall be provided by Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR). STOPR is the consortium that has been established by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) and the Peel District School Board (PDSB), under the Ministry of Education’s mandate, to provide transportation services for students within Peel Region.
3. Transportation of students in Dufferin County shall be provided by *Service de transport de Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Services* (STWDSTS). STWDSTS is the consortium that has been established by DPCDSB and the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB), under the Ministry of Education’s mandate, to provide transportation services for students within Dufferin region.
4. Some bus routes may incorporate integrated ridership with students from either PDSB, UGDSB, or the Conseil scolaire Viamonde riding on the same buses as DPCDSB students, where feasible.
5. As a method of enhancing the safety of Kindergarten and Grade 1 students, it is DPCDSB’s policy that all Kindergarten and Grade 1 students utilizing transportation services adhere to the Primary Protocol procedures of STOPR and STWDSTS.

## **B. ELIGIBILITY**

6. Only students residing within DPCDSB’s jurisdiction and who are registered in and attending a DPCDSB school (“DPCDSB Students”) are eligible for transportation service.

7. DPCDSB Students are eligible for transportation services in the Region of Peel if their primary address is within the school's attendance boundary, at a distance of more than:

Kindergarten through Grade 1	1.0 km
Grades 2 through 4	1.6 km
Grades 5 through 8	2.0 km
Secondary students	3.8 km*

*\* 3.2 km in communities not served by public transit.*

8. Students are eligible for transportation services in Dufferin County and the Town of Orangeville if their primary address is within the school's attendance boundary, at a distance of more than:

Kindergarten through Grade 1	1.0 km
Grades 2 through 4	1.6 km
Grades 5 through 6	1.6 km
Grades 7 through 8	2.0 km
Secondary students	3.8 km*

*\* 3.2 km in communities not served by public transit*

9. Application of the transportation eligibility distance criteria as outlined above will be determined by STOPR or STWDSTS, in accordance with their procedures (e.g., determining student eligibility for transportation, bus stop locations, route planning, transportation reassessments).
10. DPCDSB Students attending the Extended French Program and St Sofia Byzantine Catholic Elementary School are eligible for transportation, subject to the above noted distance requirements.
11. DPCDSB Students may be transported for reasons other than distance by STOPR or STWDSTS in accordance with their procedures (e.g., crossing of railway tracks that are not equipped with warning signals).
12. DPCDSB Students with special needs or students attending special education programs may be eligible for transportation upon the recommendation of the Special Education and Learning Services Department and in accordance with STOPR or STWDSTS procedures.
13. DPCDSB Students with medical conditions may be eligible for transportation in accordance with STOPR or STWDSTS procedures.
14. DPCDSB Students who are not eligible for transportation may access courtesy seats available on some bus routes in accordance with STOPR or STWDSTS procedures.

### **C. ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION**

15. Active transportation is a term for human-powered forms of transportation. Examples include walking, cycling, skateboarding, scootering (no-motorized), in-line skating, using a manual wheelchair, using a walker, or using other human-powered mobility devices.

16. Sustainable transportation includes using school buses or public transit.
17. DPCDSB recognizes the benefits of active and sustainable transportation to school, including improved physical health, positive impacts on mental health and well-being, lower stress and mental readiness to learn, improved independence and ability to travel safely, reduced traffic congestion, improved safety at school arrival and dismissal times, and reduced pollution.
18. DPCDSB shall promote, where possible, the use of active and/or sustainable transportation by students to its schools.