

School Transportation Policy

Policy Release

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) is pleased to share the *School Transportation Policy*, which has been developed in collaboration with staff from the regional centers for education (RCEs) and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP).

The *School Transportation Policy* provides direction for the delivery of transportation services in RCEs and the CSAP. The new policy sets maximum distance criteria for families to be eligible for busing at 1.6 km for elementary students and 2.4 km for junior high and high school students. All regions with distance criteria greater than 1.6 km and 2.4 km will be expected to reduce their distance criteria to reflect the provincial distance criteria. Regions with shorter distance criteria will be able to maintain their existing distance criteria. This will ensure that families are not disadvantaged by the new criteria.

The policy is effective as of **September 1, 2020**, and will replace RCE/CSAP policies currently in place. All RCEs and CSAP will be reaching out to families in their region to help them understand what this policy means for them.

EECD acknowledges that there are administrative duties associated with this policy and that RCE/CSAP operational staff will play a significant role in its implementation. We are committed to working with RCEs and the CSAP to ensure the policy is successfully implemented across the province.

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