



# Quinte Region Christian Schools TRANSPORTATION POLICY

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## PREAMBLE

The **transportation committee's goal** is to keep bus routes **under 60 minutes** wherever possible—an industry standard, especially important for elementary-aged children.

## Transportation Committee

### General Mandate

- Establish and maintain bus routes for the year.

### Specific Mandate

- Recommend policies and changes to the board of directors to ensure a system for safe, efficient, and prompt transportation of students to and from school.
- To liaise with the transportation carrier.
- To organize all bus routes
- To provide the board with an estimated cost of transportation.
- Review contracts with transportation carrier and software providers and make recommendations to the board
- Establish bus routes for the school year, making changes throughout the year as required
- Facilitate effective and timely communication between vehicle operators and school families
- Make every effort to keep all AM and PM bus routes under an hour

### Authority Structure

- This committee has only an advisory function to the Board.
- The daily operation of student transportation is the responsibility of the carrier.
- The authority of the campus principals extends beyond the school property to include school transportation. Recurring behavioural issues should be documented by the bus driver and directed to the appropriate principal.
- Where a question of authority between a representative of the school society and a driver regarding the safe operation of a bus is raised, the matter shall be referred to the transportation committee chairperson as soon as possible.

### Guidelines

- If a student is not enrolled prior to the start of the school year, bussing for the first month of school may not be available. After September enrolments during the course of the year may take up to two weeks to schedule bus pick-up; changes will typically come into effect at the start of a new week. Changes should not alter the route, so students may need to meet the bus at an existing stop or along the existing route.
- The Committee reserves the right to create communal stops to reduce the amount of time and kilometres on each route.
- Students may be required to walk from his or her property entrance to the designated stop located on an assumed and maintained city, township, or county road or on a provincial highway. Consideration will be given to type of road, speed limits, presence of sidewalks, pedestrian controlled intersections and designated crossings, etc. Walking distance guidelines include:



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Age	Walking distance to stop	Minimum distance between school and home	Age	Walking distance between school and home	Minimum distance between school and home
JK-3	300 meters	NA	JK-3	800 meters	1.6km
Gr. 4-6	500 meters	NA	Gr. 4-6	800 meters	1.6km
Gr. 7 & 8	800 meters	NA	Gr. 7 & 8	800 meters	3.6 meters
Gr. 9-12	1000 meters	NA	Gr. 9-12	1600 meters	3.6km