

June 2011

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR 2011-2012

The Transportation Department is finalizing the lists of eligible riders for school bus transportation in September 2011.

Step 1: (application for transportation services)

All non-transitioning students who were issued bus passes during the 2011-2012 school year should have received confirmation of seat assignment. (If so, move to Step 2; if not please apply on line immediately) Before June 30th, the transportation office will attempt to confirm online applications received for students who are eligible riders. Parents and guardians of eligible students will receive confirmation by e-mail, phone, or letter.

Step 2:

Parents of riders who receive confirmation of seat assignment must make arrangements for the \$225 Student Transportation Charge on line, or at their local school prior to June 30th to guarantee a seat in September. (After June 30th, seats not confirmed through arrangements made for the Student Transportation Charge are released and re-assigned to courtesy riders.)

NOTE: Early registration and payment of at least the 1st installment of the Student Transportation charge by June 30th will result in a discount of \$25 per child.

All confirmed riders who have made arrangements for the \$225 Student Transportation Charge should refer to the Transportation Website after August 30th, where you will find the most current information as well as bus stop locations and estimated pick-up and drop-off times. Bus passes will also be distributed through your local school starting August 30th. Local schools will also have bus stop locations posted for riders with passes.

Please note that seats for courtesy riders may not be confirmed until all eligible riders have been accommodated in September. Parents may need to make other arrangements for the transportation of their children beginning on Sept. 6th until the number of courtesy seats can be confirmed, seats assigned, the Student Transportation Charge accounted for, and bus passes printed and distributed.

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For more information about school bus transportation, please visit our website at

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/>



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Parents, guardians, and students are reminded that students must be registered riders with bus passes in order to ride the school bus. Friends and clients of afterschool care are not eligible for school bus service at any time during the year unless they are registered riders. Alternate forms of transportation need to be arranged for after school social plans and daycare arrangements. This is a good time to review the safety rules for bus riders. These rules are posted on the transportation website at:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/SafetyRules>

Online applications (**<https://ereg.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/>**) for courtesy riders submitted will be confirmed this month on a space available basis by our transportation office. The number of courtesy seats will depend on the number of seats remaining on each route after eligible riders have been accommodated. Priority is given to students based on the age and the distance between home and school within the catchment area.

Due to the volume of applications for courtesy rides, it may not be possible to contact each applicant individually. If you have not had a courtesy application confirmed by October 15, it may mean that there are no additional seats available. However, if you believe that there is space still available on a school bus passing through your neighbourhood, please contact Transportation at (250)491-4040. Phone lines are open between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Please note that courtesy seats are subject to cancellation at a week's notice should seats be needed for additional eligible riders.

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