



2019/2020 ONLINE OUT OF BOUNDARY TRANSPORTATION REQUEST NOW AVAILABLE

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

February 2019

Student Transportation Services is the organization responsible for overseeing student busing for your School Board. To assist families who live outside of the boundary encompassing the school of their choice and whose children are not eligible for transportation under School Board Policy as a result, this letter is intended to clarify Board Policy and the process for applying for Out of Boundary transportation.

If you wish to have an Out of Boundary transportation request reviewed by STSCO in advance of the start of the 2019/20 school year, you must submit an Out of Boundary Student Transportation Request online at www.stsco.ca by May 31, 2019.

To assist, we would like to provide the following information concerning the application process.

- Requests **must** be made annually, and any resulting permission applies for one year only.
- Requests will be date stamped by STSCO and reviewed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Requests will be considered on a space available basis on existing routes at existing stops and, in many cases, requests cannot be granted as area bus routes will be filled with eligible students.
- New bus routes will **NOT** be created to accommodate out of boundary requests.
- **Requests made after the end of the month of May of the current school year will not be considered for possible placement prior to September 30 of the next school year.**
- Bus routes change from year to year and this is the reason why permission applies to one year only.
- To obtain an update on the status of your request you can visit www.stsco.ca and click the "Parent Login" link and follow the directions that appear.

Please keep in mind that our first priority is to accommodate eligible students who are those who live within the school boundary and outside the school's walk zone. **Although we will make every effort to meet Out of Boundary student transportation requests, families who are NOT contacted by mid-July should understand that their request cannot be accommodated as there is no space on area bus routes and, as a result, those families should make alternate arrangements to either transport their children to the school of their choice, for the entire upcoming school year, or consider attendance at their home school (i.e. the school whose regular boundary covers their residence address).**

This information is provided in order that families can make informed decisions regarding their children's attendance at the school of the family's choice. Should you have any questions regarding our services, please visit our website, www.stsco.ca, or contact the STSCO office, at either (705) 748-5500 or 1-800-757-0307. STSCO wishes students all the best in the coming school year.

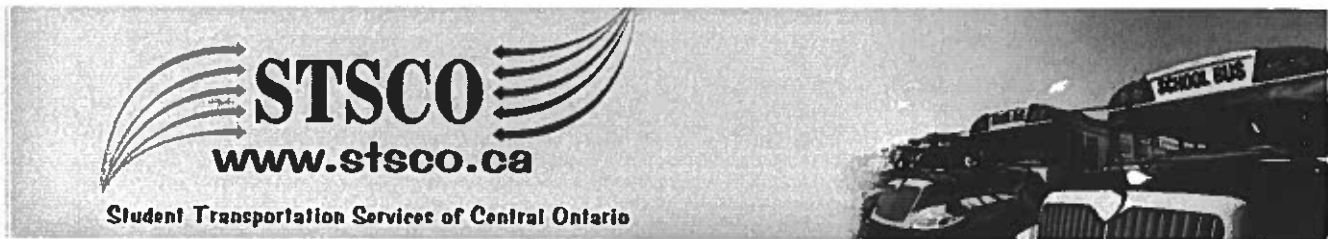
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2019/2020 ONLINE ALTERNATE ADDRESS/BABYSITTER INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE

Dear families of students who use a Day Care or Babysitter:

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On behalf of your School Board and Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO), we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with transportation information relating to babysitter or day care alternate address arrangements. In accordance with Board Policies, please understand that a student's transportation eligibility is based on their home address, not on an alternate address. The following rules should be kept in mind when dealing with alternate address arrangements:

- An eligible student can access only one bus route, and this must be on a consistent basis during the school year.
- A student may have access to one bus stop in the A.M. and one in the P.M. These stops may be different; however, they must be on the same bus route and must be the same stop in the A.M. and in the P.M. every school day.
- Families requesting alternate address arrangements must submit an online request at www.stsco.ca by clicking on the "Parent Login" link and follow the directions which appear.

The following table details eligibility considerations under a variety of circumstances commonly encountered. The first column sets out the example home address location in relation to school of attendance. The second column details where the alternate address location is in relation to the school. The last column explains transportation eligibility resulting from the circumstances set out in the first two columns. Please keep in mind that these are illustrative examples and the specific details of individual family/student requests will have to be reviewed by STSCO before eligibility is determined for a specific student.

Residence location	Daycare/Babysitter location	Resulting Transportation Status
Home inside school boundary and outside walk zone	Alternate address inside school boundary and outside walk zone	Eligible to ride one bus - two consistent stops 1 stop in AM and 1 stop in PM
Home inside school boundary and outside walk zone	Alternate address inside school boundary and inside walk zone	Eligible to ride one bus from home and walks from alternate
Home inside school boundary and outside walk zone	Alternate address outside school boundary	Apply for bussing - if allowed then subject to space available
Home inside school boundary and inside walk zone	Alternate address inside school boundary and outside walk zone	Apply for bussing - if allowed then subject to space available
Home inside school boundary and inside walk zone	Alternate address inside school boundary and inside walk zone	Walk to and from school
Home inside school boundary and inside walk zone	Alternate address outside school boundary	Apply for bussing - if allowed then subject to space available
Home out of school boundary	Alternate address inside school boundary and outside walk zone	Apply for bussing - if allowed then subject to space available
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