

The Wheels Behind the Buses

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

How do I register my child for the school bus?

Provide all addresses for transportation. (ex. home and childcare) when you register your child for school. This information will be used to determine eligibility and set up transportation for September.

Students may be transported from one address to school and from school to one address, Monday through Friday. These can be two different addresses, provided eligibility criteria are met.

Include at least one phone number that will be valid in the summer, preferably with voicemail. Staff from the NPSSTS call all Kindergarten families during the summer to verify if transportation is needed, if the correct address(es) are on file, and to provide transportation details.

PLEASE NOTE: that **temporary arrangements and schedules** (i.e. variation during the week) **are not accommodated.**

Joint or shared custody situations

If you are in a joint or shared custody situation: you must fill out a Transportation Request for Joint Custody. If approved, the full week rule still applies.

PLEASE NOTE: that completing a form for either joint custody or out-of-zone attendance does not guarantee that transportation is available.

Tag the Bag ID Safety Program

All Kindergarten families will be receiving a plastic tag with a brightly coloured card inside through their school. Parents /guardians choose what information to write on the card (we suggest the name of the student's school, at least) and then clip it on their child's backpack. The Tag the Bag program makes it easier for all student transportation drivers to recognize students who must be met by an adult. It also identifies students who may need assistance from a bus patroller, monitor, or transfer point commissionaire.

Kindergarten students must be met at the bus stop!

Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety and conduct of their children prior to pick-up and immediately following drop-off from school buses and School Purpose Vehicles (SPVs).

If there is no one to meet a Kindergarten student, they will be returned to school.

Parents/guardians may make a request to designate an older sibling to accompany their child(ren) on *Special Permission* form SS-006-1 to the school principal.

What if I move or change daycare?

If there are any changes to your student transportation needs, school personnel (or school board personnel during the summer) will communicate them to the NPSSTS.

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Did you know...

Studies show that school buses are the safest vehicles on the road!

You can research both school and transportation eligibility at: www.mybussinginfo.ca

NPSSTS guidelines can be viewed online.

The NPSSTS provides services to over **70** schools in the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts through over **20** operators.

If you need more information or have any transportation related concerns, send us an email or call our office.

School Days

From: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Summer

From: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Last 3 weeks in August

From: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.