



## NIPISSING-PARRY SOUND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Section <b>Transportation – Service Levels</b>	Revised July 31, 2012
<b>SL – 002 Ride Times and Vehicle Capacity</b>	
<b>General Statement</b>	<p>The Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services (NPSSTS) sets service level parameters in order to guide the provision of safe, equitable, effective and efficient transportation for all eligible students within the districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound, so that students are transported to and from school safely and ready to learn.</p> <p>The NPSSTS endeavours to plan effective and efficient routes in an effort to minimize both total ride times for students and the total number of routes used for student transportation, while conforming to the safe capacities of vehicles.</p>
<b>Operational Procedure</b>	<p>The NPSSTS shall consider student ride times and student loads when planning routes for student transportation.</p> <p><u>Ride time:</u>  <b>Whenever possible and where practical</b>, students will not exceed the following amount of total transportation time each way (i.e. either to school or from school):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">60 minutes – Junior and Senior Kindergarten;          60 minutes – Grades 1 to 6; and          70 minutes – Grades 7 to 12.</p> <p>The length of ride time is calculated based on normal traffic and weather conditions. It does not take into account any anomalies due to external factors, including but not limited to accidents involving other vehicles, road closures, construction delays, inclement weather delays, etc.</p> <p>Ride times may exceed the above guidelines in some cases, particularly for students who reside in remote/isolated areas or who are serviced by urban routes with a high number of designated stops, attend a school outside their home school boundary, or attend specialized programs. Routes exceeding these thresholds must be approved by the General Manager of the NPSSTS (or designate) prior to the route taking effect.</p> <p><u>Vehicle capacity:</u>          The maximum number of students transported on a school bus is based on the vehicle’s manufactured rated capacity and applied as follows whenever possible and practical:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Grades JK to 6 – 3 students per seat</p>



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	<p>Grades 7 to 12 – 2 students per seat (i.e. 66% of the manufactured rated capacity of the vehicle)</p> <p>While the above seating capacity is acceptable by law and used for planning purposes, the NPSSTS endeavours to minimize the length of time that students in Grades JK – 6 would need to sit 3 per seat.</p> <p>The maximum number of students transported in other school-purpose vehicles is based on the number of restraint devices available for that vehicle.</p> <p>Standeers are not permitted under any circumstances.</p> <p>Sitting on the floor of a vehicle, in stairwells, or in the aisle is not permitted under any circumstances.</p>
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