

March 2010

*Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools
5704 51 Street
Wetaskiwin, AB
T9A 3G1*

To ECS Parents

Please find enclosed information to ensure the safe and enjoyable transportation of your ECS student for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

We have made available through our web page information regarding Inclement Weather Brochure and the Transportation Handbook.

If you are unable to access our web page information, please contact our office and we would be happy to provide you with a copy.

We have also enclosed an application for transportation service, if you wish to purchase transportation for your child please complete the form and return to our office by August 15, 2010 with the appropriate fee.

There will not be a fee if your child lives more than 2.4 kilometers from their designated school. If you wish to inquire as to which school your child would be designated to and the distance to that school, please contact our office at 352-8078 Ext 24 or 28.

We welcome all inquires.

Sincerely,

Debra Howeih
Director of Transportation

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PARENTS OF ECS AND GRADE 1 STUDENTS

Your child's safety is our primary concern and so we want to ensure that we are working together to make the ride to and from school a positive experience for all students. This does present some interesting challenges, especially when transporting young students who are unfamiliar with matters of bus safety.

Of great concern with our youngest riders is the safety of the child before the bus arrives and after the bus drops these children off. Please ensure the child's safety while getting to and from the bus pick up/drop off points. Once the child exits the bus, the bus driver can no longer be responsible for the safety of the child. Parents are encouraged to have a responsible person at the stop to meet the child when dropped off. In recent years, we have had incidents where students have wandered off in the wrong direction from their drop off point as there was no one there to meet them.

Parents, please review the rules of the bus with your child. If these rules are learned early and reinforced throughout the first years the child is on the bus, we set the student up for the greatest possible success for his/her entire educational experience.

Thank you for your dedication to ensuring the safety of your child.

Sincerely,

*Debra Howeihe
Director of Transportation*

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RULES

- 1. OBEY DRIVER AT ALL TIMES**
- 2. STOP LOUD OR UNRULY BEHAVIOUR**
- 3. NO STANDING OR MOVING WHILE BUS IS IN MOTION**
- 4. NO PROFANE LANGUAGE OR OBSCENE GESTURES**
- 5. KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELF.**

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FORM 16-1

APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION

Alberta Education provides funding for "eligible passengers" to a designated school within their school attendance area.

Eligible Passengers:

1. Students who live 2.4 kilometres or more from their designated school (This includes walkways, pathways, roadways, alleys, parks, ditches, etc.); or
2. ECS to Grade 3 students who live less than 2.4 km from their designated school but who would have to walk along a road with posted speed limits of 50 km/hr or higher without the benefit of a walkway other than the shoulder of the road.
3. Grade 4 to 6 students who live less than 2.4 km from their designated school but who would have to walk along a road with posted speed limits of 80 km/hr or higher without the benefit of a walkway other than the shoulder of the road.

Ineligible Passengers: Students who reside less than 2.4 kilometres from their designated school, and who do not meet the eligible passenger criteria above, or who are being transported to a School of Choice (see definition below).

Walkway: In this context walkway is defined as a developed or recognized area where students can safely walk off the road.

Designated School: The school that the student has been directed to, within their attendance area.

School of Choice: The school that parents choose to send their children to, outside their attendance area.

Permission to attend a School of Choice must first be attained from that school; a copy of the **Application for Enrolment in a School of Choice** must accompany this Application for Transportation. However, approval to attend a school of choice does not guarantee transportation. Parents making the decision to send their children to a School of Choice, and receiving the principal's permission to do so, should be prepared to transport their students to that school themselves. **Transportation to a School of Choice will be reviewed on an annual basis and cannot be guaranteed from year to year.**

Transportation Fee: A Transportation Fee of \$200.00 per school year applies to each ineligible passenger. ECS children shall be charged \$100.00 per year. The maximum transportation fee is \$400.00 per family, per year or a monthly rate of \$20.00 per student or \$40.00 per family over ten months. **Non-payment of transportation fees will result in students being disallowed from riding the bus.** Transportation *may* be provided to ineligible students only if space permits on an existing bus route, and applicable fees are paid.

Bus Passes: Ineligible passengers must complete Application for Transportation Forms yearly. Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools will not guarantee that transportation will be available from year to year for ineligible passengers.

The **Application For Transportation** form must be completed and returned to the Transportation Office by **August 15th** for the upcoming school year. **NEW STUDENTS (both eligible & ineligible) ARE NOT CONSIDERED FOR TRANSPORTATION UNTIL THIS FORM (and payment if applicable) HAS BEEN RECEIVED.**

BUS PASSES FOR INELIGIBLE STUDENTS ARE ISSUED ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS, AFTER ELIGIBLE PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN ACCOMMODATED.

Bus Passes will be issued at the Transportation Office 5704 – 51 Street, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, in August. The replacement fee for a lost or missing bus pass is \$25.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the Information of Application for Transportation, as noted above:

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

Any personal information you do provide is protected under Alberta's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP) and will only be used for purpose for which it was collected. If you have any questions about the collections, use or disclosure of information collected on this form, please contact the **WRPS FOIP Coordinator at 5515 – 47A Ave., Wetaskiwin, AB, T9A 3S3.** The phone number is (780) 352-6018.



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APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15.

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL

MAILING ADDRESS:
LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION (if applicable):

PARENT/ GUARDIAN:	PHONE:
PARENT/ GUARDIAN:	PHONE:

Payment (if required) must be attached as follows:

Number of Ineligible Students (see over for definition)		X \$200.00 =		Family X \$400.00 =	\$400.00
Number of Eligible Students (see over for definition)		No Charge	No Charge		

Monthly post-dated cheques will be accepted. **Non-payment of the transportation fee, if applicable, will result in the student being disallowed from riding the bus.**

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION, WITH PAYMENT (IF APPLICABLE)
BY August 15 TO:**

**WETASKIWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
5704-51 Street, Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 3G1**

For further information or clarification, please contact the Transportation Office at (780) 352-8078 Ext 28

Office use only:

ROUTE NO:	BUS DRIVER:	PHONE:	APPROVED:
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