

Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No. 119 Policy Manual

Policy Name: Transportation Out of Attendance Areas

Policy Type: Transportation

Number: 6020

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Legal Reference:

The Board of Education (the Board) believes that, with regard to transportation, its primary responsibility is to provide transportation to students within the division and within designated attendance areas.

In exceptional circumstances, the Board may provide transportation outside of attendance areas, outside of the division, or permit other jurisdictions to provide transportation.

At no time shall the Board enter into transportation agreements with other jurisdictions with respect to providing transportation services if such arrangements cause undue hardship for resident students or compromise division programs.

Guidelines:

1. In exceptional circumstances, transportation out of attendance area or out of division may be provided when appropriate programming is not offered in the designated attendance area.
2. Transportation by external jurisdictions may be permitted in exceptional circumstances.
3. All transportation arrangements for out of attendance area or out of division shall terminate at the end of the school year in which they were made unless a renewal of the arrangement has been approved.
4. A 30 day discretionary option shall be available on a case by case basis to provide out of attendance area and out of division transportation based on programming needs only.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. Transportation out of attendance area or out of division requires the written approval of the Director or designate.
2. Transportation by external jurisdictions requires;
 - a) a written request from the parent/guardian:
 - b) the written agreement of the Director of the external jurisdiction, and
 - c) the written approval of the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division Director or designate.
3. The Supervisor of Transportation shall obtain the written approval of the Director before providing up to 30 days of discretionary transportation.
4. Discretionary transportation over 30 days requires a written request to the Director by the parent/guardian.
5. It is permissible to transport an out of attendance area student for an overnight or weekend stay with a friend provided it does not affect bus routes. The bus driver has the right to deny transportation if proper arrangements have not been made or if overcrowding is a concern.
6. Transportation, as approved by the Director, may be arranged for students whose parents reside in separate homes provided the bus is not required to travel extra miles as the result of the arrangement.
7. Once each semester a review of new out of attendance area and out of division arrangements will be made available to the Transportation Committee and the Board.