



**Hastings and Prince Edward  
District School Board**

## Important information about student transportation

August 30, 2017 — As families prepare for back to school, it is a good time to provide an update about student transportation.

This article describes:

- student transportation eligibility based on the distance from home to school
- courtesy riders
- how to check for eligibility and pick-up/drop-off locations
- links to more information

Providing safe, secure, on-time and cost-effective student transportation is the goal of Tri-Board Student Transportation Services Inc. Tri-Board provides transportation services to students of Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board and other school boards.

Students may be eligible for transportation (busing) to and from school within the allowable limits defined by Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board.

### **Student transportation eligibility\***

- JK to Grade 6
  - further than 1.6 km to school
  - further than 0.8 km to the bus pick-up
- Grades 7 & 8
  - further than 3.2 km to school
  - further than 0.8 km to the bus pick-up
- Grades 9 – 12

- further than 3.2 km to school
- further than 1.6 km to the bus pick-up

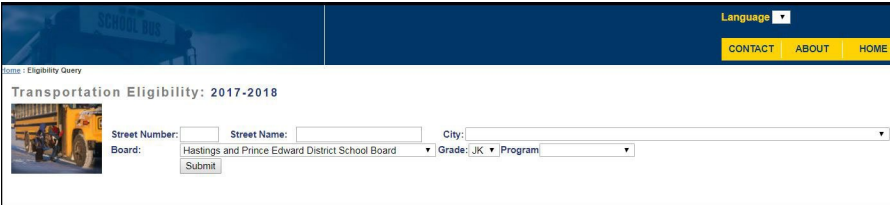
\*The distances may be adjusted for hazardous conditions or for students with special needs.

### Courtesy riders

Please be aware that transportation is not automatically provided to students who attend optional programs—for example the Arts Program, Destinations, French Immersion, or International Baccalaureate—and who live outside the boundary area for the host school. However, if surplus space is available on existing bus routes, students attending optional programs may be able to access transportation as courtesy riders. The number and types of buses and routes are reviewed annually due to ridership and route modifications in order to ensure an effective and sustainable student transportation system. Changes occur from year to year, which affect the amount of space available for courtesy riders.

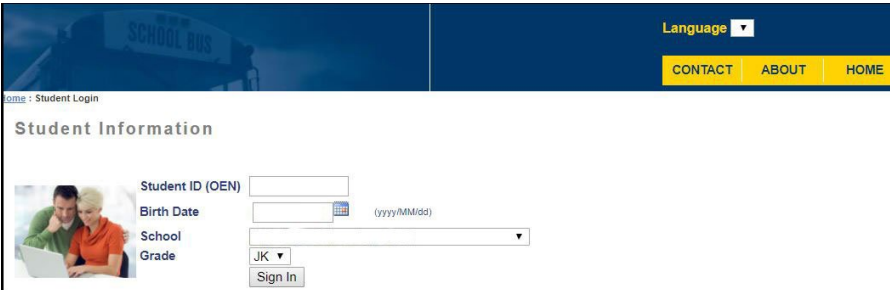
### How to check for transportation eligibility, pick-up and drop-off locations

Families can use an online look-up feature on the Tri-Board website to check for transportation eligibility. Go to [www.triboard.ca](http://www.triboard.ca) > hover over the Eligibility menu item > click Transportation Eligibility Search > key in the information requested.



The screenshot shows the 'Transportation Eligibility: 2017-2018' form. It includes a 'Language' dropdown menu, a 'CONTACT ABOUT HOME' navigation bar, and a 'Home : Eligibility Query' link. The form fields are: Street Number, Street Name, City, Board (Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board), Grade (JK), and Program. A 'Submit' button is located below the Board field.

Families can also check pick-up and drop-off times for their child on the Tri-Board website by scrolling to the Student Transportation Information at the bottom of the page. For security purposes, you are required to provide the child's Ontario Education Number (OEN), birth date, school and grade.



The screenshot shows the 'Student Information' form. It includes a 'Language' dropdown menu, a 'CONTACT ABOUT HOME' navigation bar, and a 'Home : Student Login' link. The form fields are: Student ID (OEN), Birth Date (with a calendar icon and a '(yyyy/MM/dd)' placeholder), School, and Grade (JK). A 'Sign In' button is located below the Grade field.

### More information

- HPEDSB [Policy 17: Transportation of Students \(Pdf\)](#)
- Tri-Board policies and procedures <https://triboard.ca/index.cfm?action=main.transportationPolicyAndProcedures>, which includes topics about:
  - Transportation application
  - Bus behavior expectations
  - Cancellations
  - Emergency administration of First Aid, CPR, EpiPens
  - Special circumstance transportation
  - Students with special needs requiring transportation
  - Transporting students with service animals
  - Use of electronic devices on school buses
  - Video surveillance
  - . . . and more

## Contact information for Tri-Board Student Transportation Services

**Website:** [www.triboard.ca](http://www.triboard.ca)

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**Toll-free:** 1-866-569-6638

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