

SCHOOL BUS CHANGES 2010-11

Frequently Asked Questions

Transportation policies and regulations can be found on the district website at www.sd33.bc.ca.

1. **Why is the School District charging to ride a school bus?**
To help offset the rising costs of transportation in the Chilliwack School District.
2. **What is the cost to bus a student to and from school?**
The cost is approximately \$1,150 per year.
3. **What if a parent can't pay?**
Families who have a financial hardship may have the fees waived for the year by the School Principal, or Student Services (*located at the School District Office*).
4. **Who is eligible to ride?**
See Administrative Regulation 710.1 Conditions and Eligibility.
5. **How do parents pay?**
On-line; cash, cheque, debit or credit card at the School District Office. *See Administrative Regulation 710.2 Fees and Registration.*
6. **What are the routes, rules, etc.?**
See Administrative Regulation 710.3 Operating Instructions.
7. **What about students with special needs?**
This is administered by Student Services at the School District Office. *See Administrative Regulation 710.4 Students with Special Needs.*
8. **Are there any exemptions?**
Yes, certain overflow students, *see Administrative Regulation 710.1 table 1 item 5.*
9. **Are there reduced rates for partial use? (eg mornings only, 1 day a week)**
No. Seats are reserved on a full year basis. Trying to make adjustments on a daily or weekly basis is prohibitive.
10. **Does user pay mean we get door to door service?**
No. In order to maintain efficient and cost effective service, students may have to walk up to a kilometer to and from a bus stop. *See Administrative Regulation 710.3 Operating Instructions* for more information.
11. **If bussing is no longer required will fees be refunded?**
Yes, but will not include the month of cancellation nor be issued after March 31st. Parents are to return the bus pass to the Board Office to initiate the process.
12. **Is there bussing available for Promontory area middle and secondary students?**
Yes, but only to GW Graham Middle Secondary School and some overflow students to Mount Slesse Middle School.

The Transportation Department does not have the capacity to bus students from Promontory to Vedder Middle School and Sardis Secondary School or home.