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Your busing may change next year

Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay provides transportation between home and school under the joint transportation policy of its member school boards. Each year, as new students enter the system, current students advance in grade and senior students graduate out, school bus routes and stop locations are reviewed and revised as necessary to address these changes as they relate to policy.

Next year, your student's eligibility for a school bus may change based on their grade and travel distance from their zoned school. Please familiarize yourself with the policy below for home to school distances for determining transportation eligibility:

School Bus Eligibility Distances

Grades	Distance from School
JK/SK:	greater than 400 meters
1-3:	greater than 800 meters
4-12:	greater than 1600 meters

Transportation may be provided for students that have a pick up or drop off address within their school zone which is greater than the eligibility distance as shown above. If you live

closer than the eligibility distance for busing for your student's grade, you are considered to be within the 'walk zone' and may no longer be eligible to be listed on a school bus route.

Students eligible for school bus transportation may also be required to walk to and from centralized school bus stops within set distances based on their grade with stop locations often based on the address of younger students in each area whenever possible:

Walk to Stop Distances

Grades	Distance to Stop
JK/SK:	160 meters
1-3:	400 meters
4-12:	800 meters

Parents and students can check transportation eligibility for their address and view the full joint transportation policy, as well as our transportation practices and procedures by visiting our website at www.ststb.ca

Please see instructions on the following page on how to access your busing information.

Watch, Register, Ride.

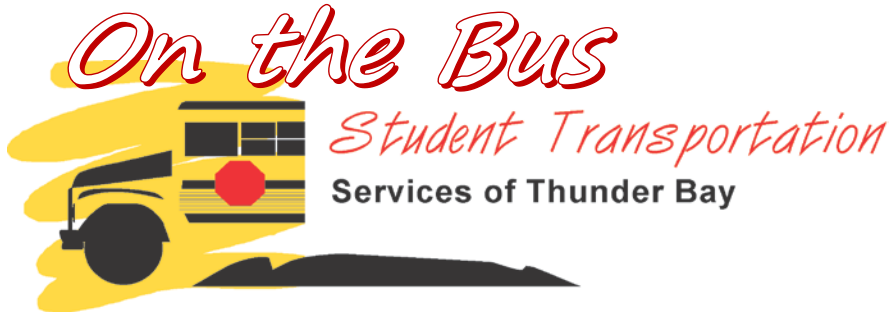
The **29th Annual First Rider Program** will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022, for all students entering JK this September!

The First Rider Program is a fun learning experience for young, first time school bus riders to help them prepare for riding the school bus.

Watch Retired OPP Constable Gary, School Bus Safety Manager Barb and Buzzy Bee explain school bus safety at www.ststb.ca to help prepare your first-time school bus rider on how to ride the school bus safely to and from school.

Register online at www.ststb.ca or call 345-7387 between Monday, August 22nd and Friday, August 26th to book a time for your child to experience their first school bus ride on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

Ride a school bus day runs between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 27, 2022, outside the Confederation College McIntyre Building with two school buses, limited to 20 children per bus, departing every 30 min. Times must be booked in advance. School Buses will be cleaned and sanitized between tours. Only children will be permitted to ride the school bus.



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Find your busing information online

Parents and guardians of students entering grades SK through 12 can access their child's busing information online. The safe and confidential Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay's **Parent Portal** is an efficient tool to obtain your student's transportation information. The portal can be accessed easily and conveniently at www.ststb.ca. As JK students will not be assigned an Ontario Education Number until after they start school, Parents and guardians of these students will be notified of their child's busing information through their school.

Four Easy Steps

1. Log In

Log in to www.ststb.ca and click "Parent Portal"

2. Enter OEN (Ontario Education Number)

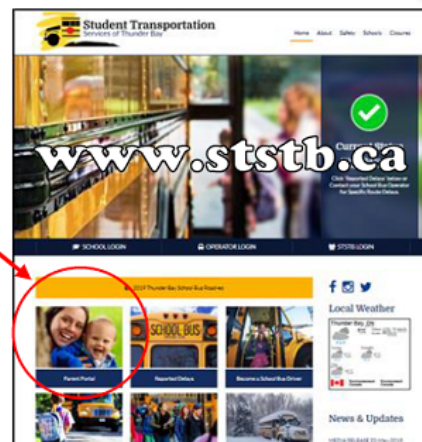
Under "Student Busing Information" enter the student's 9 digit OEN which can be found at the top of your son or daughter's report card. The number can also be obtained by visiting your school.

3. Enter Birth Date

Enter your child's birth date

4. Submit

Click "Submit" to obtain your child's current bus route, stop location and time information.

A screenshot of the "Student Busing Information" form. The form contains instructions in English and French. It has fields for "OEN (NISO)", "Birthdate" (with dropdown menus for month, day, and year), and a "Submit" button. Red arrows from the text steps point to these fields.

2022-2023 Busing Information is available starting JUNE 21, 2022