

## 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 <b>400 meters</b>
1-3:	greater than <b>800 meters</b>
4-12:	greater than <b>1600 meters</b>

Transportation may be provided for students that have a pickup 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:	<b>160 meters</b>
1-3:	<b>400 meters</b>
4-12:	<b>800 meters</b>

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](http://www.ststb.ca)

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

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### Watch, Register, Ride.

The **30th Annual First Rider Program** will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, for all students entering JK this September!

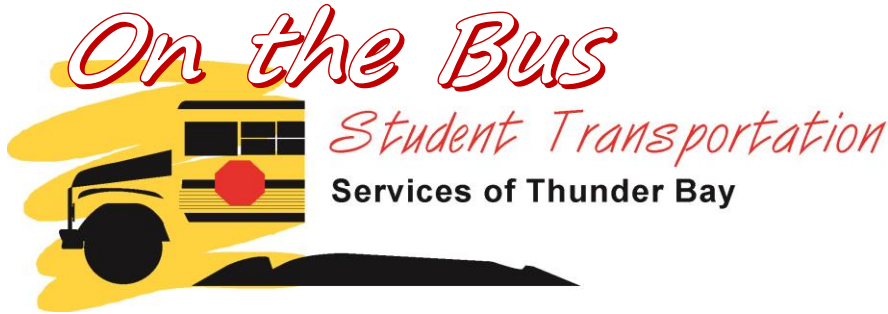
The First Rider Program is a fun learning experience for young, first-time school bus riders to help them prepare for riding the school bus.

**Watch** Retired OPP Constable Gary, School Bus Safety Manager Barb and Buzzy Bee explain school bus safety at [www.ststb.ca](http://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](http://www.ststb.ca) or call 345-7387 between Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to book a time for your child to experience their first school bus ride on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

**Ride** a school bus day runs between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2023, outside the Confederation College McIntyre Building with two school buses departing every 30 min.

Times must be booked in advance.



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## Find your 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 and can be accessed easily and conveniently at [www.ststb.ca](http://www.ststb.ca). First time users of the *New Parent Portal* are required to set up an account and, once created, students can be added to the account to view their busing info. To add a student, you will be asked for their Ontario Education Number (OEN), and date of birth, as well as school attending and grade for the school year indicated in the School Year field at the bottom of the screen). As an OEN may not have been assigned yet for next year's JK students, incoming JK student's busing info can still be accessed using their Student ID in the OEN field.



Go to [www.ststb.ca](http://www.ststb.ca) and click the 'Parent Portal' tile.

On the Parent Portal landing page, select the

**PROCEED TO PARENT PORTAL** button

at the bottom of the page to proceed to the Log In page

*Instructions for first time users of the New Parent Portal on setting up an account and adding students can be found on the Parent Portal landing page.*

## Viewing Next Year's Busing Before the End of the Current Year

For each child that you've added to your Parent Portal account, toggle between the current and next year's busing info by selecting the desired school year at the bottom left of each student's busing information page.

