

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

**710.1
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
Transportation – Conditions & Eligibility**

PREAMBLE

The Ministry of Education provides school buses only for students with special needs and students living beyond the walk limits and who attend their catchment area schools.

USER PAY SERVICE

Effective September 2010 all riders must pay to ride a school to and from school to attend regularly scheduled classes. See Administrative Regulation 710.2 Registration and Fees for details. The only exception to paying user fees will be for overflow students as per item 5 of the table below.

WALK LIMITS

Walk limits for students are set by the School District and are measured as the shortest distance by road and/or public walkways. Students living beyond the walk limits are identified as regular riders and are:

1. Kindergarten to grade 6 students whose primary residence is beyond 3.0 km of their neighborhood catchment area school; and
2. Grade 7 to 12 students whose primary residence is beyond 4.0 km of their neighborhood catchment area school.

TRANSPORTATION ZONES

There are three zones that define the level of transportation support in the school district. All riders must attend a school within School District No. 33.

1. **Regular Rider Zone** – This is the area beyond the 3.0 and 4.0 kilometer walk limits from their neighborhood catchment area school.
2. **No Ride Zone** – This is the urban area of Chilliwack and Sardis and an area approximately 2 km by road from rural elementary schools.

Cross Refs: Professional Drivers' Manual, Division 11 Motor Vehicle Act Regulation – School Buses; Board Policy 501 – Student Behavior

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3. **Conditional Rider Zones** – These are the areas between the No Ride Zone and the Regular Ride Zone, the Promontory Elementary catchment area for GW Graham students, the cross town bus route between Chilliwack Secondary and Vedder Middle/Sardis Secondary and French Immersion students attending Strathcona Elementary and Sardis Elementary.
4. **Termination of conditional ridership** – The Board of Education reserves the right to terminate conditional busing for students at any time. Should this occur the Manager of Transportation will provide written notification with a minimum of one week advanced notice. Fees will be refunded for all remaining months paid, not including the month of notification.
5. **Review of ride zones** – All ride zones will be reviewed annually with changes reported to the Board of Education prior to bus registration in March.
6. **Eligibility** – Eligible riders are listed in tables 1 to 3 with priority going to priority one riders followed by priority two and three riders.

NOTE: There is no school bus service from the Promontory area to either Vedder Middle School or Sardis Secondary School due to the limited number of buses in the fleet.

TABLE 1: PRIORITY ONE RIDERS

Item	Class of rider	Description	Fees
1	Regular rider	These are school age students whose primary residence is beyond the walk limits from their catchment area school.	\$200.00/year /student up to a maximum of 3 students or \$600.00/year.
2	Special needs	These students are approved by Student Services based on Administrative Regulation 710.4 (Students with Special Needs). Transportation may be available to siblings as priority 2 conditional riders.	\$200.00/year /student up to a maximum of 3 students or \$600.00/year.
3	English Language Learners (ELLs)	These are Ministry funded students living beyond the walk limits and approved by Student Services. Transportation may be available to siblings as priority 2 conditional riders.	\$200.00/year /student up to a maximum of 3 students or \$600.00/year.

Item	Class of rider	Description	Fees
4	*Overflow students: who would normally take a bus to their catchment school	These are students who cannot be accommodated at their catchment area school due to space limitations and live beyond the walk limits.	\$200.00/year /student up to a maximum of 3 students or \$600.00/year.
5.	*Overflow students: who would normally walk to school or be driven by private vehicle	These are non-bussing students who cannot be accommodated in their catchment area school due to space limitations and live beyond the walk limits of their assigned school.	Fees waived as they are non-bussing students assigned to a new school by the School District
6.	Board Directed Students	Busing will be available for the following programs: McCammon Resource Program, Early Intervention Program; Drug and Alcohol referrals; Aboriginal Kindergarten; CHANCE, the Education Centre and Sto:lo Alternate (Shwxtetilthet).	\$200.00/year /student up to a maximum of 3 students or \$600.00/year

* Busing will be provided for the current school year only and must be registered at their catchment area school for the following year.

* Schools are to coordinate with transportation prior to assigning a student to a new school.

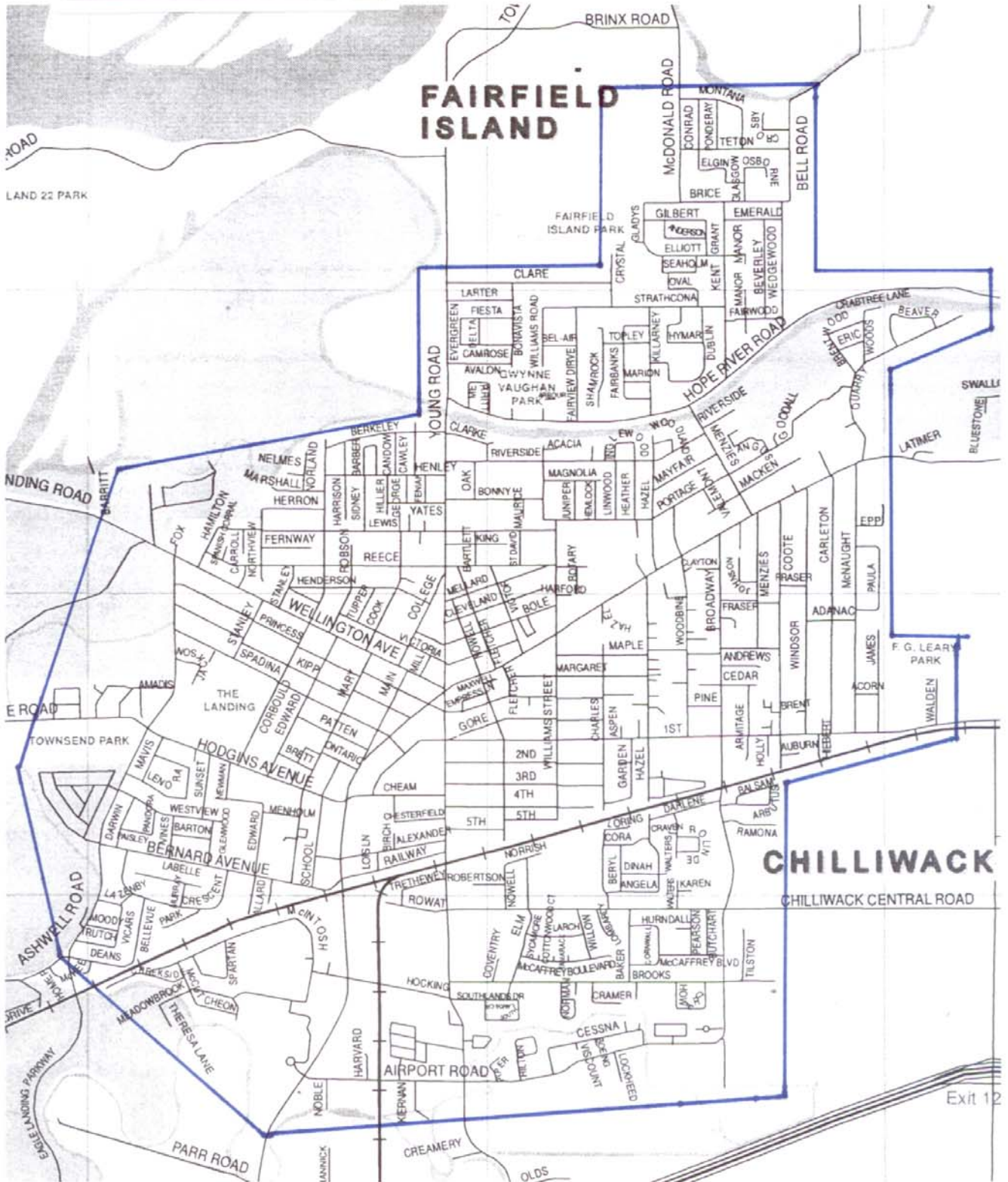
TABLE 2: PRIORITY TWO RIDERS

Item	Class of rider	Description	Fees
7.	Conditional Riders	Busing will be available based on space and scheduling for students living in the conditional ride zones. Priority will be given to elementary students living furthest from the school. The bus will not leave the regular route.	\$200.00/year /student up to a maximum of 3 students or \$600.00/year

TABLE 3: PRIORITY THREE RIDERS

Item	Class of rider	Description	Fees
8.	School of choice	Busing may be offered for students attending a school of choice on an existing bus route as Conditional Riders. Special bus route will not be set-up for these students.	\$200.00/year /student up to a maximum of 3 students or \$600.00/year

No Ride Zone – Chilliwack



No Ride Zone – Sardis

