

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

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**710.4  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION  
Transportation – Registration and Fees**

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**FEE FOR SERVICE**

The District will charge an annual Registration Fee to help support the costs of continuing service and safety enhancements. This fee is \$25 per rider.

Courtesy riders must pay for Transportation; this service may be provided for registered riders to and from schools and special routes approved by the Superintendent. Eligible Courtesy riders will be charged \$260.00 per child to a maximum of \$520.00 per family provided there are seats available on an existing bus route. These rates will be adjusted annually based on the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI). Half rates will not be considered for one-way trips or partial weeks as seats are reserved on a yearly basis for registered riders. This fee does not include a bus ride home due to early closure for students living out of the school catchment area.

First Nations students living on-reserve are exempt from all bussing fees through the [Joint First Nation Student Transportation Plan](#).

**REGISTRATION**

All riders must register each year when registrations open in May, and students must be registered no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> for the following school year.

**Registrations after July 31<sup>st</sup> may not be able to be accommodated.** Priority will be given to riders who have paid the registration fee or have an approved fee exemption. Parents are requested to register their children on-line at [www.sd33.bc.ca/school-bus-registration](http://www.sd33.bc.ca/school-bus-registration) or by following the links on the School District website: [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca).

Computers are available for parents at the school, [Transportation Department](#) and the [School Board Office](#). Registration by telephone will be accepted in exceptional circumstances.

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

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**Payment** – Fees may be paid securely by credit card online (*recommended*); or by cash, debit or credit card at the Transportation Department at 44877 Yale Road.

**Fee Exemptions** – Certain Overflow Students and Students with Special Needs may be exempt from user fees. Students attending a District Alternate program and First Nation students living on-reserve are exempt from user fees.

## **BUS PASSES**

All student riders must carry a valid photo ID bus pass and present it to the bus driver to ride a bus. Bus passes are produced and distributed by the Transportation Department.

## **LOSS OF BUS PASS**

Lost bus passes must be replaced. Bus passes will be reproduced by the Transportation Department for a \$5.00 processing fee.

## **REFUNDS**

If a fee-paying rider discontinues using the transportation service prior to May 30<sup>th</sup> of any year, a prorated refund will be issued upon request and in the month following the return of the bus pass to the Transportation Department.

## **TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE**

Funding is available to parents and/or guardians if the Transportation Department cannot meet transportation requirements for regular riders. This assistance is provided at a rate of 30¢ per kilometer to a maximum of \$15 per day plus \$1 for each additional child. Walk limits apply.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. **Transportation:** Registration, issue bus passes, process point-of-sale refunds, and produce rider lists when required.
2. **Financial Services:** Process non-point-of-sale refunds.
3. **Secretary Treasurer:** Oversee the policy.