



BOARD POLICY No. GOV-16	
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## TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT \*

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### 1. PURPOSE

Rainbow District School Board has entered into a partnership with coterminous school boards to provide safe, secure, efficient student transportation services, while also ensuring effective stewardship of the Board's resources.

### 2. POLICY

- 2.1 " Transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the students and their parents or guardians. The *Education Act* states that "a board may provide for a pupil who is enrolled in a school that the board operates, transportation to and from the school that the pupil attends."
- 2.2 " School transportation services are a privilege, not a right, and can be withdrawn if the rules are not followed.
- 2.3 " Rainbow District School Board will endeavour to meet the transportation needs of students residing within the boundaries of the Board in an efficient and accommodating manner.
- 2.4 " Sudbury Student Services Consortium administers student transportation on behalf of the Rainbow District School Board, le *Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario*, Sudbury Catholic District School Board, and le *Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario*.
- 2.5 " The mission of Sudbury Student Services Consortium is to provide a single transportation system with emphasis on safety and efficiency for the four school boards in the Greater Sudbury, Espanola, and Manitoulin areas.

### 3. CONSORTIUM EXPECTATIONS

- 3.1 " Sudbury Student Services Consortium is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the Superintendents of Business and Finance of the four school boards.

- 3.2 " The four member boards of Sudbury Student Services Consortium have developed a student transportation agreement to provide effective service in accordance with the *Education Act* and its regulations, the *Highway Traffic Act*, and Ministry of Education guidelines.
- 3.3 " Sudbury Student Services Consortium has established policies and procedures to ensure that school transportation services are at all times reliable, equitable, and safe. These policies and procedures are set out at <http://www.businfo.ca/en/>
- 3.4 " In the interest of the safety and well-being of staff and students, student transportation and/or classes may be cancelled when weather conditions warrant such action.

## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

### **Legal:**

*Education Act S 21 (2) Attendance Excused if No Transportation*

*Education Act, S 181 Transportation Agreements with Other Boards*

*Education Act, S 190 Transportation of Pupils*

Ontario Regulation 298, S 23 (4) Pupil responsible to principal on bus

*Highway Traffic Act*

*Ministry of Transportation Capacity Rating*

*Public Vehicles Act, 1983, C. 425, S. 20, S. 21*

*The Insurance Act*

### **Board References:**

Board Policy No. GOV-01 Vision, Mission, and Values

Membership Agreement between Sudbury Student Services Consortium and RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT CATHOLIQUE DU NOUVEL-ONTARIO, CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT DUE GRAND NORD DE L'ONTARIO, SUDBURY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD dated January 1, 2010.