

Bus Passes

Each year, students requiring transportation services must submit a registration application prior to the deadline. qSD cannot guarantee late registrants will be approved.

Bus routes will be established based on eligible riders registered prior to the bus pass application deadline.

All authorized riders will be issued a physical bus pass and only students who have been pre-approved will be eligible for transportation services. It is expected that students will always carry their bus pass with them when using school district buses.

Student Rider Update App

Bus passes issued to students are RFID-enabled and provide information to parents on the status of a student. The District is currently implementing a new app with improved functionality, including direct communications and student updates. Updates to our implementation will be included on the Transportation web page at www.sd47.bc.ca

Replacement bus passes

If a pass is lost or damaged, replacement passes are \$5 each and can be picked up from the School Board Office, located at 4351 Ontario Avenue.

**2024/2025 Bus Pass Deadline is
June 14, 2024.**



At qathet School District, every effort is made to ensure that students are provided with safe, efficient, and reliable transportation.



RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

Information guide for
parents and students

More Information:

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Email: Transportation@sd47.bc.ca

Phone: (604) 414-2612

www.sd47.bc.ca



Parents/ Guardians

(Kindergarten to Grade 12)

Eligible riders are those who live beyond the 3.2km straight line walking distance from their designated catchment school.

Once your child's transportation application is completed and approved, your child will be permitted to ride their designated bus using their qathet School District issued bus pass.

Courtesy Riders

Non-eligible riders may be considered for transportation services, on routes that have available seats, and would be considered courtesy riders.

Courtesy riders are students who:

- Live within the prescribed walk limits of their school (Based on a straight line 3.2 km from school location).
- Choose to attend a school other than their neighborhood school (cross-boundary).

Courtesy rider conditions:

- The courtesy rider system is not a scheduled service.
- It may be discontinued at any time if conditions change.
- Previous or current courtesy seats do not constitute a precedent or establish a right for transportation services in the future.
- If a bus reaches capacity load, extra buses will not be provided for courtesy riders.

To Parents and Students

Please read and review this important safety information with your child.

- It is expected that young riders (7 and younger) will be accompanied by a responsible adult, both to and from the designated bus stop.
- Students are expected to maintain good behaviour at bus stops and on the buses to the same standard of behaviour as would be expected in their classroom at school. Failure to meet behaviour expectations will result in consequences.
- Consequences for poor behaviour may range from a warning, loss of bus riding privileges and suspension from school.
- All students must follow the instructions, directions and expectations established by the bus driver.

Bus Loading

- Be at the bus stop FIVE MINUTES ahead of the posted schedule; the bus will not wait for those who are late.
- Use your designated bus stop only.
- Stay on the shoulder or sidewalk, well away from the road, while waiting for the bus. Do nothing that might hurt someone or damage someone's property.
- Remain well back from the bus as it comes into the bus stop and wait until the bus is completely stopped before stepping near it.
- Do not run beside the bus as it comes to the bus stop.
- Board the bus in single file – do not push.

Bus Riding

- Take your seat right away and remain seated.
- Waiting time for the scheduled bus routes should be approximately 20 minutes. If the bus has not yet arrived by that time, you should return home.
- Remember that the bus driver is always in charge. Follow the bus driver's instructions at all times and do not distract the driver's attention while driving.
- The aisle must always be kept clear. Keep your lunch kit, knapsack, and other belongings out of the aisle.
- For safety reasons, the Motor Vehicle Act does NOT permit equipment such as skateboards, large musical instruments, skis, etc. All items carried by students must be small enough to be held on the student's lap without protruding into the aisle, onto the neighboring seat, or above the student's head.

Bus Unloading

- After leaving the bus, students should remain on the shoulder of the road until the bus has departed.
- If it is necessary to cross the road, move in front of the bus and ensure the red bus lights are flashing. Look both ways to make sure there is no traffic or other vehicles have come to a complete stop.
- Never assume that other vehicles will stop because the bus lights are flashing.