

Transportation Service Levels for 2016-17

The Calgary Board of Education has determined transportation service levels for 2016-17 that will allow us to deliver safe and efficient transportation that is financially sustainable.

We will continue to work within our current CBE guidelines, where feasible, for yellow school bus transportation that elementary students will access a stop within 1.6 km of their homes and middle school/junior high students will access a stop within 1.8 km of their homes. This year, we anticipate that most students in a regular program and the larger alternative programs such as French, Spanish and TLC, will have a yellow school bus stop within 1000 m from home. This will be possible because of the higher density of student population within a community accessing these schools and programs.

Students	Proposed 2016-17 Service Level
Regular Program These students attend their designated community school	 Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students will access a bus stop according to the guideline of no more than 1.6 km from their homes. We anticipate the majority students will have a stop within 1000 m from home.
	 Grade 7 to 9 We will begin the process of moving more students to Calgary Transit where ride times will be less than one hour with no more than one transfer. We will consult with parents before changes are made. Students who are not on Calgary Transit will access a bus stop according to the guidelines, no more than 1.8 km from their homes.
Alternative Language Program These students attend a school for an Immersion or Bilingual program (eg. French, Spanish, Mandarin and German)	 Kindergarten to Grade 9 Students will access a bus stop according to the guidelines of no more than 1.6 and 1.8 km from their home. We anticipate the majority of students in larger alternative language programs (French and Spanish) will have a stop within 1000 m from home.
Non- Language Alternative Program These students attend a school for an alternative program that is not language based (eg. Montessori, All Boys, TLC, Arts Centred Learning, Piitoayis Family School, Science)	 Kindergarten to Grade 9 Students will access a bus stop according to the guidelines of no more than 1.6 and 1.8 km from their homes. We anticipate the majority of students in larger alternative programs (TLC) will have a stop within 1000 m from home. Some students in non-language alternative programs will return to congregated stops, similar to service offered in the 2014-15 school year. These stops are only used when there are very low numbers of riders from a community to a school and could be up to 5 km from their homes. The longest distances to a yellow bus stop will be for students travelling across the city to a program at a single site.

Students	Proposed 2016-17 Service Level
Kindergarten	Mid-day kindergarten service will continue to be offered for all programs.
High School These students are in Grades 10-12 in a regular or alternative program	High school students will continue to use Calgary Transit. Calgary Transit passes can be submitted with income tax returns for a non-refundable tax credit.
Complex Learning Needs	Transportation requirements for students with complex learning needs will be individually assessed and service will be determined based on the needs of each student.
Other Programs and Special Settings These students attend programming at various sites across CBE to meet their specialized needs (eg. GATE, LEAD)	Transportation requirements for these students will be individually assessed and will align to the current guidelines of no more than 1.6 and 1.8 km from home.