

## SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN

### SECTION 17: Transportation

#### TRANSPORTATION

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has a procedure that outlines transportation services in detail: [TLDSB Procedure BU-3026: Transportation](#).

The board recognizes that some students require specialized transportation arrangements, such as specific supports, accommodations or safety plans. Specialized transportation plans are developed in consultation with the school team, parents/guardians, special education consultants and transportation services personnel. Requests for specialized transportation services are submitted to the Superintendents responsible for Specialized Services and Transportation Services (or their designates) for approval. It can take up to two weeks for specialized transportation arrangements to be fully in place following the request.

An Individual Student Transportation Plan (ISTP) is developed when individualized accommodations or unique considerations are required for boarding/deboarding, in-transit services (including support personnel) and/or emergency services. The ISTP is kept on file with the Transportation Services Department and shared with the bus operator.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Students in system special education programs, including TLDSB's care, treatment custody and corrections programs, receive transportation according to the board transportation policy and procedure.

As outlined in **Section 12** of this plan, transportation to Provincial Schools is provided by Trillium Lakelands District School Board. these arrangements are developed on an individual basis. For students who need significant assistance, an educational assistant or other caregiver may be provided to accompany the student.

There are no provisions for transportation to summer school in our procedure.

#### STUDENT SAFETY

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to us. When there are significant safety considerations that involve a student's transportation to and from school, a case conference is held. The school team, parents/guardians and special education personnel work together to build an individualized plan to ensure the safety of all.

Bus operators are currently required to meet the following safety criteria:

- have training in First Aid, CPR and Epipen (or similar generic devices), and,
- have a criminal record check (Vulnerable Sector Screening).

Other specific requirements are outlined in the Operator Contracts and/or the TLDSB Transportation Procedure.