

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES – LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS

Background

Parents may choose to exercise their right to enroll a student in a Language Immersion Program located either within the Division or in an adjoining school jurisdiction.

Provincial partial funding can be accessed to assist in providing transportation services for students to such programs. In addition, a transportation fee will be charged in accordance with Administrative Procedure 550 – Appendix A.

The Assistant Superintendent, Corporate Services is responsible for the administration of this administrative procedure.

Procedures

1. Transportation services may be provided to a Language Immersion Program on a school bus operated by the Division when the number of students requiring transportation warrants the provision of this service.
2. When the number of students does not warrant the provision of school bus service to a Language Immersion Program, the Division will enter into an agreement with the student's parent or legal guardian and pay an allowance in-lieu of transportation.
3. Transportation service or payment of an allowance in-lieu of transportation will only be provided for students enrolled in a Language Immersion Program approved by the Division and to which the students have been directed to attend.
4. The amount of any allowance in-lieu of transportation shall be determined by the Division on an annual basis.
5. Requests for school bus service to a Language Immersion Program are to be made to the Director of Transportation Services.
6. Requests for an allowance in-lieu of transportation are to be made to the Assistant Superintendent, Corporate Services.
7. French Immersion Program Placement
 - 7.1 For students living within the High River attendance area, the designated school for French Immersion programming is Joe Clark School, Senator Riley School or Highwood High School.

7.2 For students living in either the Okotoks or High Country attendance areas, the designated school for French Immersion programming is Percy Pegler School, Okotoks Junior High, or Foothills Composite High School/Alberta High School of Fine Arts.

Reference: Relevant Legislation & Guidelines