

## **AP 780.1: Transportation Assistance**

To qualify for transportation assistance a pupil must: live within the boundaries of the School District; live beyond the walk limits from the nearest School District No. 8 school in their attendance area; have no District pupil transportation services provided; live beyond 2.5 kilometers from the nearest bus stop; and, be normally in full time attendance at a School District No. 8 school.

Transportation assistance will be paid for the entire distance from the student(s') residence to the nearest bus stop, if the nearest bus stop is more than 2.5 kilometers from the residence. Transportation assistance will be paid for the entire distance from the student(s') residence to the nearest school if the distance from the residence to the nearest school in their attendance area exceeds the walk limits and no District pupil transportation services are provided.

For the purposes of this policy, walk limits are 2.5 km for primary students and 3.0 km for intermediate and secondary students. These distances are measured by the nearest passable road, which is defined as a street, road, highway, lane or walkway, that has been established as a pedestrian or vehicular route by the Municipality or the Province of British Columbia.

### Guidelines

1. Payments will be made only to individual parents or guardians.
2. The transportation assistance paid will be based on current District rate/kilometer to a maximum of \$12.00/family for each day that the student(s) is in attendance.
3. Application for transportation assistance shall be made annually to the Secretary-Treasurer on the prescribed form.
4. The school that the student attends shall submit a monthly attendance record to the Secretary-Treasurer in order for the assistance to be paid.
5. Transportation assistance will not be paid retroactively beyond 30 days prior to the receipt of the application at the Board office.