

# Student Transportation

### **Our COVID-19 Response**

Safety is always a priority for HRCE Transportation and our service providers; however, this year, busing will look a little different with additional measures. Before coming to the bus stop, families are encouraged to screen their child as per the COVID-19 Daily Checklist.

#### When riding the school bus:

- All children, students, monitors and drivers will be required to wear non-medical masks.
- Buses will be cleaned twice daily, and high touch surfaces will be cleaned before and after each run.

### **New Transportation Policy**

Nova Scotia has a new provincial <u>School</u> <u>Transportation Policy</u> that includes changes in distance criteria. Families can check their transportation eligibility at:

hrcetransportation.mybusplanner.ca

### Please Check BusPlanner

If a child is routed, families have been sent an email to activate their BusPlanner Parent Portal account. Families must activate their account to review transportation information and should contact the HRCE Transportation Team with any questions.

### Transportation Outside Eligibility Criteria

As per the School Transportation Policy under section 5.3, the availability of any unassigned seats for students who aren't eligible for busing will be determined after September 30th, 2020, once all eligible bus students are routed. There is no unassigned seat request process or waitlist for unassigned seats.

#### The First Month of School

- Please expect some delays in the first few weeks of September until routines get underway. We appreciate your patience!
- Please arrive 10 minutes early to your stop this September and October as drivers cannot wait for students if the bus arrives early.



## New for Pre-Primary & Primary to Grade 2 Students

- A parent/guardian must accompany Pre-Primary children to Grade 2 students to/from the bus stop and remain with the child until they are safely boarded.
- A parent/guardian of a Pre-Primary/Primary child is required to buckle/unbuckle their child every day. Bus drivers cannot leave their seats.

### **Address Changes**

Families need to contact their school with an updated address or alternate address if they've changed daycares or moved recently. This change may affect their eligibility or bus routing.

### **Questions?**

HRCE's Transportation Team is ready to help:

- 902-431-4723
- hrce.ca/transportation
- hrcetransportation.mybusplanner.ca