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1. Rationale

The Education Act allows a board to provide transportation for students under certain conditions. Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) supports an active and healthy lifestyle, and encourages active transportation; however, due to the diversity of the urban and rural area and the diversity of programs offered from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, a comprehensive transportation policy and set of procedures is necessary.

2. The Policy

It is the policy of LDSB that students may be transported for education reasons at the Board's expense between home and zoned school, and on other occasions, according to the guidelines in Section 4.

3. Definitions

3.1 Eligible Student will be a resident in the district of LDSB who is registered in, and attending a school operated by, or under, the jurisdiction of LDSB.

3.2 Consortium will mean Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay (STSTB), an administrative consortium to deliver efficiency and cost-effective student transportation service for the Board.

4. Guidelines

4.1 Pursuant to the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, LDSB may provide transportation to its students.

4.2 Lakehead District School Board will provide transportation, without charge, to students whenever such transportation is warranted, in accordance with the guidelines outlined in this policy and related procedures.

4.3 Lakehead District School Board considers transportation a privilege and not a right. Conduct detrimental to the safe operation of the bus or to other students riding on the bus will not be allowed.

4.4 Transportation will be organized and delivered by the STSTB consortium on behalf of its three-member school boards: Lakehead District School Board, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, and Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales.

4.5 All routes and designated stops will be established by the consortium on the basis of safety, time, efficiency, loading, and economy.

4.6 Transportation may be provided for students residing in our area to and from provincial schools operated by the Ministry of Education, any Ontario hospital, or a Mental Health Centre established under the Child and Family Services Act, R.S.O. 1990.

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4.11 Employee and Private Individual Use of Private Cars

4.11.1 Employees and private individuals are permitted to use their vehicles or rented vehicles with the appropriate license, provided principals or the employee s supervisor, authorize in writing, authorized use of the vehicles for:

- a) the transportation of small groups of students for curricular or co-curricular activities; or

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6. Review

This policy will be reviewed according to 2010 Policy Development and Review Policy.

<u>Cross Reference</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Legal Reference</u>
Transportation Services Overview	March 19, 1991 November 23, 2021	Education Act Reg. 262 Section 24(5)
Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay (STSTB) STS-GEN-023 Transportation Policy		Child and Family Services Act R.S.O. 1990
Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay STS-GEN-024 Transportation Procedure		Ontario R.S.O. 1990
Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay STS-SPE-001 Specialized Transportation Manual		Ontario Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990
6010 Emergency Evacuation and School Closure Policy/Procedures		
3070 Personal Use of Vehicles Policy/Procedures	<u>Date Revised</u> April 28, 2009 October 22, 2013 November 23, 2021 February 27, 2024	
3100 Accessibility Policy/Procedures		
7030 Human Rights & Workplace Harassment Policy/Procedures		