



**NIPISSING-PARRY SOUND
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Section		Revised
Transportation – Eligibility		April 11, 2016
EL – 004 Joint Custody		
General Statement	The Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services (NPSSTS) recognizes that students in joint or shared custody situations may require special consideration regarding their transportation needs.	
Operational Procedure	<p>In order to consider transportation for both parents, a completed “Transportation Request for Joint Custody” form (EL-004-1) must be forwarded to the NPSSTS by the school.</p> <p>Students in joint or shared custody situations are allowed one pick-up address and one drop-off address per parent (i.e. childcare locations are accommodated, where possible) and may have two sets of transportation arrangements, alternating weekly or bi-weekly (Monday-through-Friday). All other schedules will not be accommodated.</p> <p>When all addresses are within the school boundary, transportation is set according to EL – 001 General Eligibility guidelines.</p> <p>When only one parent’s address is outside the school boundary, transportation may be arranged for both parents, dependent on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A school bus route already servicing the areas in question; b) The availability of a vacant seat on the route in question; and c) If the student would be required to transfer school buses, the other route(s) must meet these criteria. <p>The route path or length of trip must not be altered when granting joint or shared custody courtesy transportation. The student will be offered the closest stop on an existing route servicing the school.</p> <p>If neither parent home is within the school boundary, the applicable school board’s process for Out-of-Zone students is required and arrangements will be made according to EL – 002 Out of Zone Accommodations guidelines.</p> <p>Regardless of whether or not transportation is arranged for both parent households, the school is responsible for ensuring students in joint or shared custody situations board the appropriate vehicle, based on which parent has custody that week.</p>	