



## NIPISSING-PARRY SOUND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Section	Revised
<b>Transportation – Service Levels</b>	July 31, 2012
<b>SL – 003 Distance to a Designated Stop Location</b>	
<b>General Statement</b>	<p>The Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services (NPSSTS) sets service level parameters in order to guide the provision of safe, equitable, effective and efficient transportation for all eligible students within the districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound, so that students are transported to and from school safely and ready to learn.</p> <p>The use of communal designated stops is a necessity in the efforts of the NPSSTS to minimize the length of rides times for all students and to conform to recommended safety guidelines. Students may be required to walk to their designated stop, as assigned by the NPSSTS.</p>
<b>Statement of Responsibility</b>	<p>It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure their children’s safety between home/childcare and designated stops and while at the designated stop location.</p>
<b>Operational Procedure</b>	<p>Students eligible or otherwise approved for transportation service may be required to walk the following distances to and/or from their designated stop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior and Senior Kindergarten – door pick-up where possible and reasonable</li> <li>• Grades 1 to 6 – 0.5 km</li> <li>• Grades 7 to 12 – 1.0 km</li> </ul> <p>Certain circumstances may require longer distances from the address in question to the designated stop.</p> <p>The designated stop locations shall be planned to accommodate as many students as deemed appropriate to ensure routing efficiency and student safety. Considerations for student safety will be both in terms of the locations themselves and of the number of students assigned to each particular designated stop location.</p> <p>Consideration will also be given to the ages of students serviced by a communal designated stop when selecting its location.</p> <p>Every effort shall be made to minimize the distance from a student’s home or childcare address (as applicable) to their designated stop location.</p>



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	<p>The distances measured and applied will be the shortest walking route along roads or maintained walkways from the property line of the student’s home or childcare location (as applicable) to the designated stop location.</p> <p>The NPSSTS, using their transportation software with the appropriate municipal map, will calculate all distance measurements for transportation purposes.</p> <p>Unless exceptional conditions dictate otherwise, designated stop locations should be a minimum of 300 metres apart and should allow a minimum of 150 metres of clear vision in both directions. Designated stop locations should not be located on a steep grade, brow of a hill or a blind curve. All designated stop locations are subject to conditions under the Highway Traffic Act.</p> <p>School buses will not enter cul-de-sacs (urban and rural); students residing on cul-de-sacs will normally be required to walk out to the nearest designated stop location or intersection.</p>
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