

2024/25 School Bus Fees Announcement

The Board of Education has [approved the implementation of transportation fees for the upcoming school year at the May public board meeting](#). Transportation is largely unfunded by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. As the School Act does not mandate school districts to provide bus transportation, it is the responsibility of each family to determine their best transportation options.

In recent years, our district offered transportation services with only a safety fee charged for riders, but this model has become unsustainable. To recover some of these costs, we are introducing a new fee structure. However, the district will still subsidize 60% of the costs, ensuring families do not bear the full burden.

Fee Structure

- Transportation Fee: \$300 per rider (*works out to \$1.67/day over 179 instructional days*)
- Safety Fee: \$25 per rider
- Online Processing Fee: 3%

Total Fees per Family:

Number of Riders	Transportation Fee	Safety Fee	Processing Fee	Total
1	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$8.25	\$333.25
2	\$600.00	\$50.00	\$16.50	\$666.50
3	\$750.00	\$75.00	\$21.00	\$846.00
4	\$750.00	\$100.00	\$21.75	\$871.75

Note: Safety fees are non-refundable.

Payment Information

- Fees will be added to your School Cash Online account on August 23, 2024.
- Full payment is due by November 15, 2024.
- Payments can be made in full or in three installments:
 - First installment: September 16, 2024
 - Second installment: October 15, 2024
 - Third installment: November 15, 2024

Contact schoolcasheschool@sd62.bc.ca if you have any questions about your payment. Families with unpaid fees by November 15, 2024 (unless approved for a fee waiver) will have their bus registration canceled, making seats available for students on the waitlist.

Financial Assistance

If you need financial assistance, contact your principal to discuss a fee waiver. The principal will notify the Manager of Transportation.

Refund Policy

- Safety fees are non-refundable.
- If you need to cancel your bus registration, the transportation fee will be prorated, and the unused portion will be refunded.

Contact Information

For transportation questions, email bussing@sd62.bc.ca or call 250-474-9845. Please avoid sending multiple emails or leaving multiple voicemails about the same issue, as it slows down response times.

To opt out of bus registration for the upcoming school year, please email bussing@sd62.bc.ca with the rider's full name, school, and grade.