



Transportation Information for Elementary Students in French Immersion (FI)



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Eligible students will *automatically* be assigned to a bus stop and bus route as determined by HSTS. This means your child's name will be included on the bus list. The school uses this list to ensure your child is placed on the correct bus at the end of the day.

If your child will NOT be riding the bus, parents must:

Inform your child's teacher and the school administrative team so they will not place your child on the assigned bus at the end of the day. The school will inform HSTS.

Is your child eligible for transportation?

Elementary students must live greater than 1.6 kms from their board designated FI school to qualify for transportation based on their primary home address. Parents /guardians are responsible for finding out if their child is eligible for transportation. Go to haltonbus.ca and click on "Am I Eligible for Transportation?" If your home address is within the transportation boundary your child will automatically be assigned to the bus and their name will be included on the school's bus list.

IMPORTANT CHILDCARE INFORMATION



Daycare: If your child will be going to the **daycare located at your FI school**, parents must inform your child's teacher and the school administrative team. Remember, if your child is eligible for transportation their name will remain on the bus list until you inform the school otherwise.

From Caregiver's Address: Your child must qualify for bussing from your home address in order to access bussing to a caregiver. The caregiver's address must also qualify for bussing to the same board designated school. Parents must provide the caregiver information to their child's school and the school will provide the information to HSTS.



Identification Tags!

Grade 1 HCDSB & grade 2 HDSB students registered in the French Immersion program who will be taking the bus to and/or from school will be provided with a **green smiley face ID tag** that should be affixed to the student's back pack. The school will distribute the tags which will display your child's school ID, PM route # and stop description and will help the driver identify these FI students who may be new to bussing.



First Rider Program...

Is held annually at the end of August. Take an hour out of your day to see the 30 min. presentation and enjoy a 15 min ride on the school bus with your child. The presentations are held at the secondary school sites throughout Halton. Contact your area bus company to register. More information can be found at haltonbus.ca.



Plan ahead...

Parents are responsible for finding out their child's transportation schedule. If you have elementary aged children attending different schools, you may have to make other arrangements if the bus/school schedules conflict. HSTS transports over 30,000 students and cannot accommodate individual schedules of families therefore parents must plan ahead.

Bus stop locations...



Bus stop locations are based on the Board's distance to stop policy. Bus stops are placed to accommodate a number of students and may be located at multi use walkways, parks, schools or corner locations as determined by HSTS. Bus route efficiency is also taken into consideration when determining bus stop locations. Stops may be placed the following distance from the students home: **Grade 1 to 8: Up to 0.8 kms (800 meters)**



Student Transportation Schedules for the upcoming school year are available annually by the end of August at haltonbus.ca. For security reasons, parents/guardians *must* provide their child's OEN to HSTS staff when requesting their child's transportation information or when logging on to the parent portal at haltonbus.ca