



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (2022-2023)

The BCTEA (BC Tripartite Education Agreement) is a joint transportation plan that will function as a service agreement between the Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) and the Board of Education of School District 22. School District No. 22 is responsible for the safety of all students while they are transporting them to and from SD22 schools and activities. There is an annual joint review and assessment of the joint plan for effectiveness and to identify any improvements.

The Board of Education and OKIB work together to identify transportation needs and services to get all nominal role students enrolled in SD22 to and from school, respecting parental choice of where to enroll their child to attend school.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. How do I contact the transportation department?
 - Phone – 250 549-9281
 - Email – transportation@sd22.bc.ca
2. Do I have to register my children for busing?
 - No, SD22 works with OKIB to verify students on the nominal role yearly in April/May
3. If our physical address, email, or phone number changes who do I notify?
 - Transportation – 250-549-9281 or transportation@sd22.bc.ca
 - School
 - Kevin Smeltzer – 250-241-2442 or school@okanagan.org
4. If we require an alternate address to pick up or drop off our children, how do I make this happen?
 - Contact the transportation department and advise of the request
 - Kevin Smeltzer – 250-241-2442 or school@okanagan.org
5. If my busing needs change, who do I contact?
 - Transportation – 250-549-9281 or transportation@sd22.bc.ca
 - Kevin Smeltzer – 250-241-2442 or school@okanagan.org
6. How do I get my child's busing schedule?
 - Busing schedules are sent to the email provided in MyEd.
 - Sent out week of August 22-26th
7. How does my child get their bus pass?
 - Elementary students will be handed the bus pass at the school
 - High school students will need to pick up the bus pass from the office
8. If there is a problem on the bus, who do I speak with?
 - Transportation Department Staff – 250-549-9281 or transportation@sd22.bc.ca
 - Kevin Smeltzer – 250-241-2442 or school@okanagan.org

9. How do I find out about busing alerts? Delays and or cancelations?

- For Busing Alerts Messages 250-549-9281 ext. 1
- Post Busing alerts on Twitter Feed – Which will also go onto the Twitter feed on the front page of the website www.sd22.bc.ca Twitter: @sd22Vernon
- Post Busing alerts on Facebook - Which will also go onto the Facebook feed on the front page of the website www.sd22.bc.ca Facebook: SD22
- Email route delays to the OKIB Communications Office at Communications@okangan.org

(Important busing information will also be sent to OKIB Communications Office to be shared with community)

10. When can I apply for transportation assistance?

The following criteria and rates are set below:

Criteria for Application:

1. Transportation must be provided to a SD22 program.
2. Bus transportation is not available for the student – *students are expected to ride the bus if a bus service is available to them.*
3. The school program is not offered within the regular bus route traveled
4. The student has a medical condition that prohibits them from being able to ride the bus – *this will need to be confirmed by a licensed physician*
5. Students who are prohibited to ride the bus as, a result of behavioral infractions, are not eligible to apply for these funds.

Transportation assistance will be provided based upon the students' attendance; it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure they contact the school directly to confirm an excused absence. The Transportation assistance will be calculated for each full day the student attends their school. Students who have a recorded excused absence from their school for less than a full day will be eligible. Payments will be made out to the parent or legal guardian at the end of each month.

Rate:

1. Single Parent family unit will be calculated as follows:
 - \$.58 cents per kilometer to a maximum of \$40.00 per day
2. Both Parents are unemployed the rate will be as follows:
 - \$.58 cents per kilometer to a maximum of \$40.00 per day
3. If 1 Parent is employed the rate will be calculated as follows:
 - \$.27.5 cents per kilometer to a maximum of \$20.00 per day

11. Where do I get a transportation assistant form?

- Click here [OKIB](#)