



What Safety Means to CBE Transportation Services

Student safety remains the top priority of CBE Transportation Department as we endeavour to have students arrive ready to learn. Getting students to and from school safely must be a collaborative effort.

- Families are responsible for having students get to and from the bus stop safely, and for supervision of students as they wait or arrive at their bus stops
- CBE Transportation is responsible for creating safe, efficient, cost effective and sustainable routes and bus stops that offer a safe space bus access and loading
- Drivers are responsible for safely transporting students from designated stops to and from school, in properly maintained equipment
- Schools are responsible for student safety as students load and unload from the buses.
- Principals are responsible for addressing student management concerns on the bus and at the bus stops

Transportation works very closely with service providers, schools, and parents on a daily basis to ensure student are safe, service is reliable, and issues are addressed in a timely manner.

The Calgary Board of Education Transportation Department determines congregated school bus stop locations based on several factors, the primary focus being safety. Routes are designed based on registrations received by the deadline, in conjunction with administrative regulations and guidelines regarding issues such as travel distance to a stop.

Preferred locations for centrally located congregated school bus stops include:

- Calgary Transit stops.
- Green spaces.
- Other publicly accessible facilities as they provide space for students to collect and when possible, for parents to park.

School bus stops are on residential collector roads to avoid the bus travelling on local side streets, where a variety of obstructions can exist.

Other factors considered include:

- a grouping of 10 eligible riders pre-registered by the deadline
- safe distance from intersection (25 metres)
- speed on roadway (60 km/hr or below)
- ride time
- route flow
- efficiency
- construction
- turn restrictions
- other information relevant to a specific community

Processes are in place to ensure school bus routes are periodically reviewed for safety concerns.

- A route assessment mandated by the province is completed each October, and reviewed by a CBE representative.
- If any stakeholder (driver, parent, student, school, and service provider, public) identifies a safety issue, it is reviewed by CBE Transportation staff and safety officers from our service providers.
- There are monthly meetings between CBE Transportation and service providers to address any transportation issues.
- New communities are routinely visited to evaluate readiness for bus service.

Safety is the focus of everything that we do and clearly what parents and schools want for all students. It will always require a collaborative and ongoing effort from all stakeholders to ensure students are safe from the time they leave their home until they return. Safe transportation is the first stage in supporting student success at school, which is the ultimate educational goal for all our students.