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School District 6 Rocky Mountain is located on the traditional unceded shared territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwépmec peoples and the chosen home of the Métis.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS

The Operations Department welcomes all students to the 2025/2026 school year!

As per School District Policy 7000, transportation services are provided for School District No. 6 Kindergarten to Grade 12 students only.

All students must be registered as an eligible or courtesy rider in order to ride the school bus. Please visit the transportation section of www.sd6.bc.ca and follow the links for "Bus Registration". Going forward, transportation registration will be completed online through My BusPlanner. Links and how-to instructions are located on the SD6 website. Please note that bus routes for 2025/2026 are currently being reviewed and will not be finalized until September 1, 2025.

Please refer to our "BusPlanner Quick Start Guides" located on the SD6 website under Transportation for instructions on how to register your child for bussing. Please note, if you registered last year using BusPlanner and your circumstances have not changed you do not need to complete a form. If you did register last year but have moved since May 1, 2025, or plan to move before the school year starts then please complete a Change of Address form.

Should you experience any difficulties with the BusPlanner website please contact lisa.clifton@sd6.bc.ca and she will assist you after August 18, 2025.

<u>Eligible Students</u> - Students are considered to be eligible if their home address is at least $4.0 \, \text{kms}$ (K-Gr. 3) or $4.8 \, \text{kms}$ (Gr. 4 - Gr. 12) from the nearest bus stop or the nearest age and/or program appropriate school.

<u>Non-Eligible/Courtesy Riders</u> – Students that are considered non-eligible bus students are the responsibility of the parent/guardian; however, non-eligible students may be provided transportation as courtesy riders. Courtesy bus students are students that are not attending their age and/or program appropriate school or their home address is located within the distances noted above.



For your child to be approved for a courtesy ride on an existing school bus route you must submit a request online using the registration form on My BusPlanner, and there must be space available. Although every effort is made to expedite processing, these requests may not be approved until September 30th. Until such time as your request is approved or denied parents/guardians must provide transportation for their child. Please do not send your child/children to the bus stop unless you have received approval for a courtesy ride.

<u>Transportation Assistance</u> - In accordance with Section 83 of the School Act, transportation assistance will be available to eligible students who reside further than 4.0 kms (K-Gr. 3) or 4.8 kms (Gr. 4 – Gr. 12) from the nearest bus stop or the nearest age and/or program appropriate school. Transportation assistance must be requested *annually*. Applications will be available at the School District Administration Office or on the School District website; sd6.bc.ca. When they are released for the 2025/2026 school year a new message will be sent as a reminder.

<u>Students with Special Needs</u> – Students with special needs, as approved by the Assistant Superintendent, are eligible for transportation or transportation assistance regardless of eligibility as defined in Board Policy 7000.

For further information regarding transportation of students please refer to Board Policy 7000 on the School District website or contact the Operations Supervisor in your zone.

Golden Zone – Russell Wagner, Operations Supervisor; 250-344-0150 or russell.wagner@sd6.bc.ca

Invermere Zone – Brian Nickurak, Operations Supervisor; 250-342-6814 or brian.nickurak@sd6.bc.ca

Kimberley Zone – Jim Bryce, Operations Supervisor; 250-427-2268 or jim.bryce@sd6.bc.ca

Sincerely,

Al Ure Director of Operations