

Overview

Of Pupil Transportation

Department of Education

December 2009



LEGAL AUTHORITY

EDUCATION ACT

Authority to provide conveyance for students enrolled in the public school system (*section 53*)

REGULATION 2001-51 UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT

Legislation that govern the operation of the pupil transportation system

MOTOR VEHICLE ACT

ESTABLISHES RULES FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CLASSIFICATION
AND STANDARDS FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

MANDATE

In co-operation with the school districts , the Department of Education is charged with the administration of a safe, efficient and dependable pupil transportation system.

OBJECTIVES

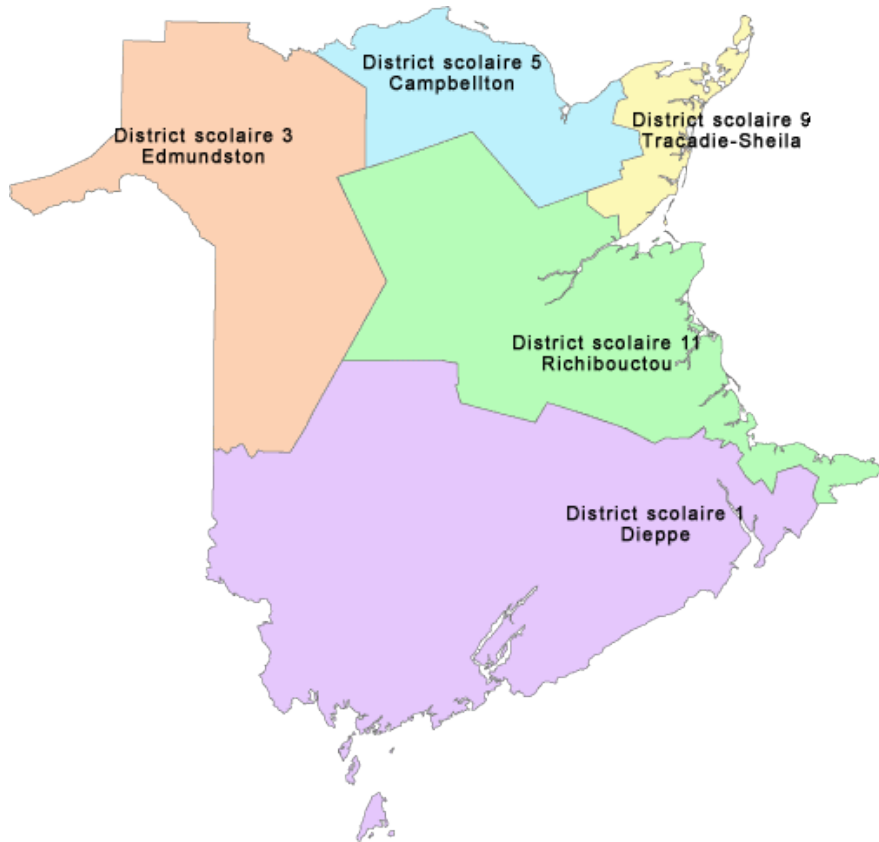
Coordinate the development / revision of administrative policies and the production of support material / documentation in the area of pupil transportation management

Provide and define training requirements for all potential and regular school bus drivers, as well as promote safety and proper conduct on school buses with the collaboration of local school administrations

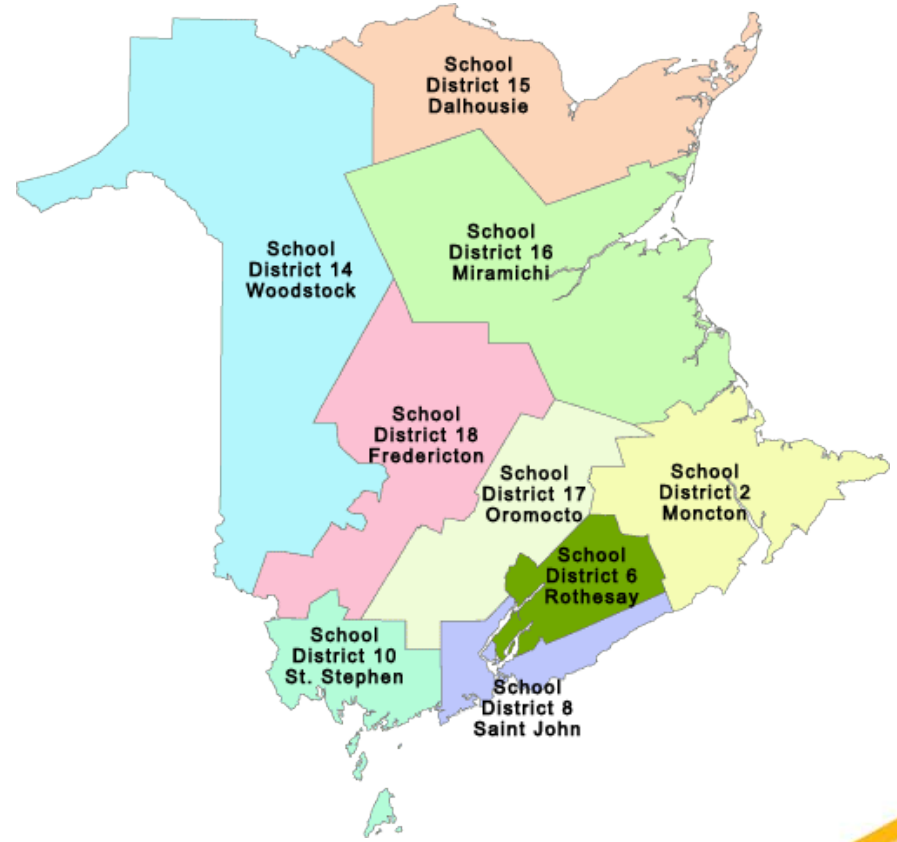
Maintain a close link with educational services to ensure that school transportation plays its support services role in the education system; the office of the provincial Registrar for the application of sections of the Motor Vehicle Act that pertains to pupil transportation; the Vehicle Management Agency that looks after the purchase and maintenance of vehicles and; the Commercial Enforcement Branch, Department of Public Safety, which conduct inspections on school buses

Maintain data and pertinent information to determine school districts' budget allocation for school bus operation and analysis.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS



Francophone school districts



Anglophone school districts

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

(2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR)

District	Language	District Office	Enrolment	School	Buses
01	F	Dieppe	7,721	15	91
03	F	Edmunston	5,947	20	79
05	F	Campbellton	5,057	21	61
09	F	Tracadie-Sheila	6,402	22	92
11	F	Richibouctou	5,293	20	78
			30,420	98	401
02	E	Moncton	15,823	38	131
06	E	Rothesay	10,172	24	112
08	E	Saint John	11,880	34	104
10	E	St. Stephen	3,912	16	51
14	E	Woodstock	7,748	29	133
15	E	Dalhousie	3,515	14	52
16	E	Miramichi	5,831	21	89
17	E	Oromocto	4,908	18	61
18	E	Fredericton	12,187	34	120
			75,976	228	853
		TOTAL	106,396	326	1,254

GENERAL STATISTICS

REGULAR BUSES	1,060
SPARE BUSES	147
CONTRACTED BUSES	13
STUDENT CONVEYED (DAILY)	85, 000
MILEAGE (YEARLY/KM)	26,435,000
BUDGET (OPERATION 2009-10)	\$ 60,800,000
CAPITAL (BUS REPLACEMENT 2009-10)	\$ 6,242,600

NUMBER OF DRIVERS BY CLASSIFICATION

2009-2010
(Provincial Drivers)

"B" DRIVER	-	8 HOURS DAILY	171
"A" DRIVER	-	6 HOURS DAILY	63
"C" DRIVER	-	7 HOURS DAILY	109
DRIVER PAID BY THE HOUR			733

TOTAL **1,076 Drivers**

DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL VEHICLE

- BUS** *means* any motor vehicle designed for carrying ten or more passengers and used for the transportation of persons.
- SCHOOL VEHICLE** *means* a motor vehicle operated by a school district or under a conveyance contract for the conveyance of pupils in the public school system and excludes motor vehicles in a public transit system.
- SCHOOL BUS** *means* a school vehicle that is a bus, is painted national school bus yellow and is equipped with a warning system*.
- * **WARNING SYSTEM** *means* a system used to warn motorists that a school bus is stopping for loading or unloading passengers, that consists of amber flashing warning lights, red flashing warning lights and a stop arm.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS FOR BUS DRIVERS

AGE REQUIREMENT	Person is no less than 21 years of age and no more than 65 years of age
DRIVER'S CLASS	Class 1 or 2 with a B endorsement and renewed every two years
DRIVER ABSTRACT	Every 2 years upon renewal of licence
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE	Every 2 years upon renewal of licence
CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK	Once as a condition of employment
FIRST AID TRAINING	A valid emergency first aid training
DRIVER TRAINING	A one-week driver training program

DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM

<u>PROGRAM FOR NEW DRIVERS</u>	<u>5 DAYS</u>
DRIVER AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES	1/2 DAY
PRE-TRIP INSPECTION	1 DAY
DISCIPLINE ON SCHOOL BUSES, EMERGENCY EVACUATION, ENERGY CONSERVATION, ETC.	1/2 DAY
PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS IMPROVEMENT COURSE	1 DAY
AIR BRAKE SYSTEM AND BASIC FUNCTIONS	1 DAY
EMERGENCY FIRST AID	1 DAY

A REFRESHER COURSE IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO ALL REGULAR DRIVERS.

ELIGIBILITY

- CHILDREN ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 - STUDENTS RESIDING MORE THAN 2.4 KM FROM SCHOOL
 - STUDENTS RESIDING MORE THAT 1.5 KM ON SIDE ROADS
 - SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS - SPECIFIC TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS
- Superintendent, with the approval of the District Education Council and within their budget limit, may provide conveyance of pupils within those distances.

FLEET MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

VEHICLE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

- SPECIAL OPERATING AGENCY UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
- HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUSES
- PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
- CONDUCTS A MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION TWICE A YEAR ON ALL SCHOOL BUSES