

# OVERVIEW

## Of Pupil Transportation

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development  
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# 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 and Early Childhood Development 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

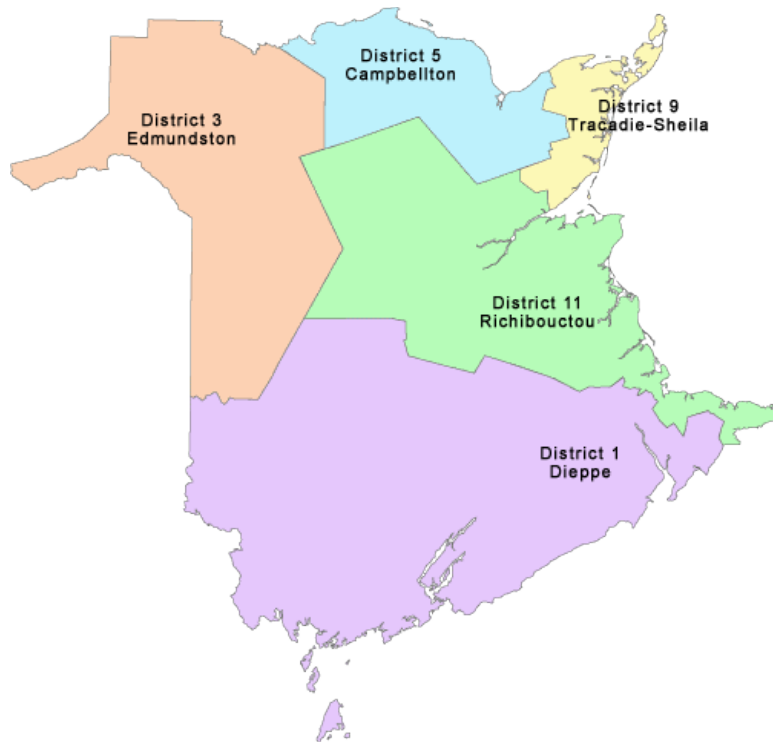
**Provide** and define training requirements for all potential and regular school bus drivers, as well as promote safety and proper conduct on school buses with the collaboration of local school administrations

**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

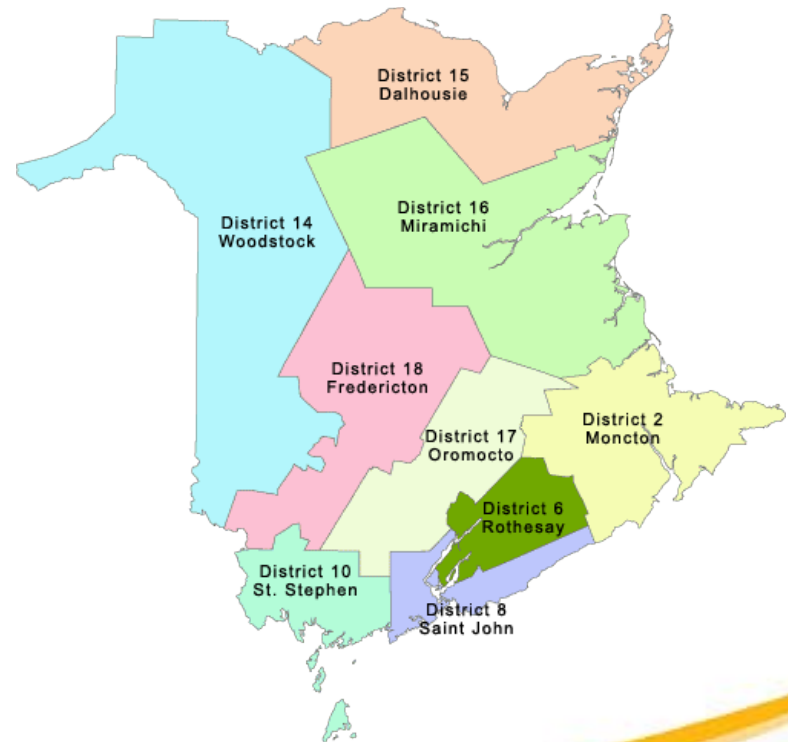
**Maintain** data and pertinent information to determine school districts' budget allocation for school bus operation and analysis.

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## Francophone Districts



## Anglophone 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
			<i>30,420</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>401</i>
02	E	Moncton	15,823	38	131
06	E	Rochesay	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
			<i>75,976</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>853</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>106,396</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>1,254</b>

# GENERAL STATISTICS

REGULAR BUSES	1,060
SPARE BUSES	147
CONTRACTED BUSES	47
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>“B” DRIVER</b>	<b>- 8 HOURS DAILY</b>	<b>..... 171</b>
<b>“A” DRIVER</b>	<b>- 6 HOURS DAILY</b>	<b>..... 63</b>
<b>“C” DRIVER</b>	<b>- 7 HOURS DAILY</b>	<b>..... 109</b>
<b>DRIVER PAID BY THE HOUR</b>		<b>..... 733</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>..... 1,076 Drivers</b>

# 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

## PROGRAM FOR NEW DRIVERS 5 DAYS

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 THAN 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