



Southwestern Ontario Student
Transportation Services

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**Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services
2024-2025 School Bus Registration – Kindergarten Students**

Bus registration for next school year is now open! To schedule bus service more effectively for students, Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services (STS) has an **annual mandatory transportation registration process for students who are eligible for bus service**. This does not apply to students who use specialized/accessible transportation to meet their unique needs.

To register before July 15th, click here: [2024-2025 Bus Registration Form](#)

Know Your Student ID:

Prior to registering, caregivers must know the Student ID number which is available by contacting the school office or in the school Parent Portal.

Registration Due Date:

Transportation Applications will be closed on July 15, 2024 so that routes can be finalized before the start of school. Caregivers who register for the bus after July 15th may experience delays and transportation may not be in place for the start of school.

You don't need bus service next year?

No action is required. School bus service is a shared ride environment, with multiple students using the space over the course of the day. Some caregivers may not wish to use bus service for personal reasons. **If you are not using bus service, you do not need to register.** We understand that your circumstances may change, if they do, please fill in a registration form at that time.

The STS Parent Portal:

The portal opens in late August for all caregivers who have registered for the school bus. The portal will give your busing details (bus #, bus stop locations, times, etc.). Instructions for how to set up and login to the parent portal can be found on our website here:

<https://www.mybigyellowbus.ca/parent-portal/>

Kindergarten Bus Information:

- ✓ Registration forms are mandatory and will open in early June.
- ✓ School bus stops and routes are revised each year, bus timetables are posted in the parent portal in late August.
- ✓ **Kindergarten Students must be accompanied to the bus stop each morning and met at the bus door by a responsible person.**
- ✓ Bus tags for Kindergarten students are handed out in the first days of school through your schools main office, for all families that registered prior to the last week before school. The bus tag lets the driver know your student is in kindergarten and needs to be met by a responsible person and are colour coded based on what bus your student is assigned.



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- ✓ First time Rider program information and video resources are available on the STS website here: <https://www.mybigyellowbus.ca/bus-safety/>
- ✓ Plan for your student to ride the bus in the morning on their first day instead of driving them to school, this will help the driver be more familiar with your student for the ride home.
- ✓ **Teach your Kindergarten student to stay on the bus and tell the driver if they do not see their caregiver.** Kindergarten students who are not met by a responsible person at the bus door will remain on the bus route and then brought back to the school.

Frequently Asked Questions:

We understand you may have questions; we are here to assist you!

- Visit our [Help Page](#) for Frequently Asked Questions.
- Send us a message using our [Contact Us](#) Form
- Call our Registration Hotline at 519-649-1160

Thank you,

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