

Transportation Service FAQ for Parents of School-Aged Children

What Transportation Services are available in Jasper for students?

The Municipality of Jasper provides a student-only morning and afternoon **School Bus Service** for eligible* students attending one of the three schools within Jasper: École Jasper Elementary, Jasper Junior Senior High School, and École Desrochers.

Eligibility is determined by the Government of Alberta. New* eligibility distance criteria will **be mandatory in September 2025**.

- 1.6 km or more for children in kindergarten and students in grades 1-6
- 2.0 km or more for students in grades 7-12

Important Clarifications:

- The **School Bus** is for **registered students only**. Parents are required to register as per their attending School Division's processes.
- Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children to the bus stop in the morning and from the bus stop in the afternoon.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that they educate their children on basic safety around roads and traffic.
- The school staff is responsible for supervising the school bus students and ensuring they know where to wait for the school bus at the school.

What is included for eligible students?

- **Only students who are eligible and registered** will have a **bus pass** that allows them access to the **School Bus** routes that occur in the morning and afternoon.
- The bus pass allows students to access regular Jasper Transit any time the service is operating during the school year - this includes evenings, weekends.

What is the Division responsible for?

- alerting the municipality to the number of eligible riders for access the to **School Bus** each month;
- providing the municipality school start and end times;
- providing the school principals with the names of eligible students;
- following up with parents to provide information on eligibility criteria and acquiring a bus pass;
- posting delays of over 10 minutes to the *BusStatus app*.

What is the Municipality responsible for?

- providing schools with the required number of bus passes for eligible riders of the **School Bus**
- safe, reliable, sustainable bus service for eligible students on instructional school days
- alerting the school divisions if there is a service delay of over 10 minutes
- driver staffing and supervision. All drivers pass a vulnerable sector criminal record check as well as training per their safety policies.
- fleet maintenance
- posting the School Bus route schedule on their website.
- providing signage on the School Bus route vehicle to identify it to others using the roadway

What is the Parent/Family responsible for?

- registering for the school bus and picking up a bus pass at the school
- supervising their children from home to the bus stop in the morning and from the bus stop to home in the afternoon
- communicating student absences to the school
- ensuring the school office is informed if the student is **NOT** going to ride the bus that afternoon
- ensuring they have taught their children basic traffic/road safety skills



What are the Schools responsible for?

- ensuring eligible students have received their School Bus pass and the requirement to have it with them every day
- establishing and communicating processes and expectations with parents and students
- providing supervision at the school before classes begin
- providing supervision of School Bus riders at dismissal
- following up with parents/families if there is a discipline issue on the School Bus
- liaising with the school division to maintain up-to-date and accurate eligible student lists
- communicating any concerns or issues with the transit service to the school divisions

Need more information or assistance?

- Visit the [GYPSD website](#)
- Call Transportation Services at 780-723-4471 Extension 10319
- Send your email to transportation@gypsd.ca