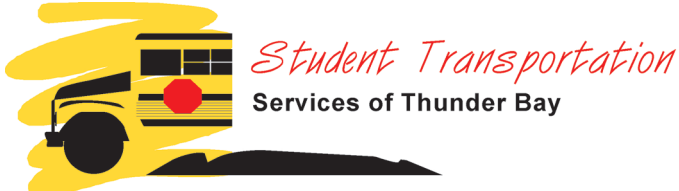


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Statement	The maximum walking distance to a bus stop, by grade level, is established in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Education's common reference standards for student transportation funding. STSTB assigns bus stop locations within these parameters, ensuring both safe access for students and overall route efficiency.								
Practice	The following walk-to-stop distances represent the maximum distance, by grade level, that a student may be required to walk from their designated transportation address to their assigned bus stop (for both pickup and drop-off). These distances align with the Ministry of Education's common reference standards for student transportation: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade Level</th><th>Maximum Walk-to-Stop Distance</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>K1 / K2</td><td>400 metres</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grades 1–8</td><td>800 metres</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grades 9–12</td><td>1,600 metres</td></tr> </tbody> </table> All distances are calculated using STSTB's Ministry-approved Pupil Transportation Management Software. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring students travel safely to and from their designated bus stop and for supervising their conduct while waiting at the stop. In accordance with the criteria outlined in STS-GEN-026 Bus Stop Locations, STSTB determines bus stop placements based on safety considerations and operational efficiency. All stops are located in areas deemed appropriate for safe boarding and disembarking, and for maintaining the safety of students already	Grade Level	Maximum Walk-to-Stop Distance	K1 / K2	400 metres	Grades 1–8	800 metres	Grades 9–12	1,600 metres
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	on board. Bus stop locations are reviewed annually as part of the route evaluation process for the upcoming school year. The following tools may be used, when required, to assess a bus stop's safety and compliance with STSTB and member board procedures: • STS-SAF-014: School Bus Stop Assessment Criteria • STS-FRM-025: School Bus Stop Assessment Checklist
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