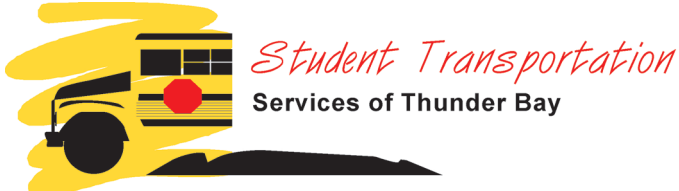


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Statement	STSTB will endeavour to accommodate students who are in joint custody arrangements and require transportation which falls outside regular transportation eligibility to a singular primary address. Because safety is the priority, this practice is formulated to provide maximum safety for students above all else.
Practice	Joint custody transportation for alternate addresses is only considered when both addresses are within the attendance boundary of the school and meet all other eligibility criteria. Joint Custody Transportation for Elementary School Students On a permanent basis, when an elementary school student resides on an alternating schedule with parents living at different addresses within the student's school boundary zone, transportation services can be granted by STSTB under the following conditions: Two alternating AM pick-up locations, but only <u>one</u> PM drop-off location may be approved by STSTB. As the bus drivers are not responsible for managing alternating drop-off location schedules for students receiving joint custody transportation, in the interest of child safety, STSTB only assigns elementary students to one consistent and permanent drop off address. Parents are to decide between themselves a suitable drop-off address and convey this at the time of the request.

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	2. All other transportation eligibility requirements are met. Joint Custody Transportation for Senior Elementary School and Secondary School Students On a permanent basis, when a senior elementary school or a secondary school student resides on an alternating schedule with parents living at different addresses within the student's school boundary zone, transportation services can be granted by STSTB under the following conditions: 1. Two alternating AM pick-up and two alternating PM drop-off addresses may be approved by STSTB. 2. All other transportation eligibility requirements are met. Exceptions to this Practice There may be rare instances where exceptions to the elementary school student drop-off provision of this practice may be given due to extenuating circumstances. When parents/guardians make a successful appeal for an exception by satisfying STSTB, the school and the board that the parents/guardians understand and agree: • That they have carefully considered the capability and maturity of their student to manage an alternating schedule, given that the school will not guarantee boarding assistance and the bus driver is not responsible for managing alternating schedules; • To accept all responsibility and associated risk for the management of the alternating schedule, boarding the correct bus and disembarking at the correct stop location.
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	• To provide a satisfactory safety plan for their child should they disembark the bus at an assigned address on the wrong day; • STSTB reserves the right to withdraw services if, in its sole discretion, the safety of the student is compromised unduly. A Request for Joint Custody Alternate Address Drop-Off for Elementary School Students Form (STS-FRM-032) will be sent and must be completed, signed, and returned to STSTB on an annual basis. Regardless, it is to be understood by all parties that the school, school board, school vehicle drivers, student transportation providers, and Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay are not responsible for managing alternating drop-off location schedules for students.
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