

## Intra-Provincial Transportation Guidelines

October 5, 2020

Participation in any curricular/extra-curricular activity that involves travel (field trips - includes team travel) is a personal choice and, as always, parents/guardians must provide permission for students to take part.

Please be advised that:

- Students are not permitted to travel outside of their Regional Health Authority for competition.
- Only where it can be accommodated and fit within student transportation schedules, regular school buses can be used, provided masks are worn; students embark and disembark in a back to front/front to back manner, and all other busing protocols are followed including capacity restrictions as per the NLESD's [Re-entry Plan](#). Please recognize that the operations of both District operated and contracted service providers are stretched considerably by:
  - the health guidance requiring additional cleaning after every bus run; and
  - efforts to increase service to all eligible students under the reduced capacity health guidance.

Therefore, availability for field trip service will be very limited at best.

Please ensure any field trip transportation service complies with the District's [Field Trip Protocol](#).

- If the school is using private transportation/volunteers, the following rules apply:
  - The [Volunteers in Schools](#) policy must be followed for any school-arranged volunteer transportation including the completion of the [Driver Application Form](#).
  - All occupants are to wear masks if outside each other's bubbles/class cohorts.
  - Mid-to-full size vehicle - 4 people maximum, including the driver. One person in the front passenger seat (if over 80 pounds, as per law); two people in the back seat.
  - Suburban/Minivan - 6 people maximum, including the driver. One person in the front seat (if over 80 pounds, as per law); two people per row in the back.
  - All occupants in all vehicles must be recorded and the information retained by the school.