



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2018-2019 TRANSPORTATION FEES



The Government of Alberta has eliminated transportation fees for:

- those residing 2.4 km or more from the designated school they attend for regular or special education programming;
- those who have a disability, or disabilities, that prohibit them from using regular transportation services;
- children attending an Early Childhood Services program, such as kindergarten, for noon-hour transportation.



The Government of Alberta has subsidized transportation fees for:

- eligible students who take ETS so that they pay only the difference between the cost of a monthly public transit pass and per-student provincial transportation funding.



Q & A

Q: Which students get free bus passes?

A: Any students attending the regular program at their designated school and living 2.4 km or more from that school. All students have a designated school that is determined by the attendance area for that school. All special needs students who require yellow school bus transportation and all kindergarten transportation has been and will continue to be free.

Dual Track Schools:

Students who live within the attendance area of their designated school for regular programs but who are enrolled in a program of choice such as a language program or sports academy at that school, qualify for a free bus pass.

Q: Which students pay the \$18 Edmonton Transit Service (ETS) differential fee:

A: This applies to any students attending their designated school and living 2.4 km or more from that school and who use ETS. The differential fee is \$20/month and is based on the amount payable to Edmonton Transit of \$750/year less the \$549 basic transportation grant = \$201/10 months = \$20/month differential fee. ETS bus passes may be used after school hours and on weekends, therefore, the differential fee is seen as the cost of this enhanced service.



Q: Which students pay the full cost of a bus pass:

A: Students attending their designated school and living less than 2.4 km from that school, all students attending a School of Choice such as a French Immersion or bilingual language program, sports academy, arts or science academy, International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement program, or other alternative program, regardless of distance from the residence. For example: J.H. Picard is a single track French immersion program and is not a “designated” school for regular programming. All students attending this school will be charged for the cost of a bus pass.

Q: Why do I have to pay for busing for programs of choice like Immersion and Bilingual Programs and Sports Academies?

A: The government is only subsidizing transportation for students who go to their designated school, which is the school that is closest to their home that offers regular programming.

Q: What if I can’t afford my busing fees?

A: Please meet or contact your school principal to discuss your circumstances and determine if you need an alternate payment plan or if you need your busing fees waived.

Q: How do I know what my bus fees will be?

A: The following table summarizes the transportation fees for Edmonton Catholic Schools students:

	ELEMENTARY					JUNIOR / SENIOR HIGH				
	FAMILY PLAN					FAMILY PLAN				
	Yellow	ETS	Yellow Annual	Yellow	ETS	Yellow	ETS	Yellow Annual	Yellow	ETS
Designated School (Regular Program):										
Students attending their designated school and reside less than < 2.4 km from that school	\$32	\$32	\$320	\$28	\$28	\$54	\$54	\$540	\$50	\$50
Students attending their designated school and reside 2.4 km or greater > from that school	\$0	\$18	\$0	\$0	\$14	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$16
School of Choice (Alternative Program):										
Students attending a school of choice, such as an alternative program, regardless of distance from residence. (Eg. bilingual or immersion programs, sports academies, art or science schools, IB or advanced placement programs and other alternative programs.)	\$32	\$32	\$320	\$28	\$28	\$54	\$54	\$540	\$50	\$50
For dual-track schools - students who live within the attendance area of their designated school for regular programming but who are enrolled in an alternative program that is being offered at the same school, if the student’s residence is 2.4 km or more from the dual track school.	\$0	\$18	\$0	\$0	\$14	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$16
Curb Service:										
Those students who have a disability that prohibits them from using regular yellow bus transportation service	\$0	-	\$0	-	-	\$0	-	\$0	-	-
Kindergarten: no charge for transportation	\$0	-	\$0	-	-					
Replacement Cost for Lost Bus Pass(es)	\$5	\$75	\$5	\$5	\$75	\$5	\$75	\$5	\$5	\$75

Notes:
 Family Plan Rate applies to families with 3 or more children attending any school within ECSD and purchasing monthly bus passes.
 ETS bus pass fee is based on the amount payable to Edmonton Transit of \$750.00/per year less the \$549.00 basic transportation grant = \$20.00 per month differential.
 Distance is based on residence address and is the shortest distance measured along a travelled road or public right of way as per Section 51 (4)(c) of the School Act