

New Transportation Fee Schedule

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - The Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's Board of Trustees approved the 2019/20 school year transportation fees at its June 19, 2019, Public Board Meeting. School boards are not obligated to provide transportation services to students attending a school of choice, nor students who reside less than 2.4 kilometres from their designated school. Therefore, the Board will retain its ability to charge transportation fees in such situations.

Transportation fees for ineligible students will increase from \$350 in the current school year to \$400 in the 2019/20 school year. Students who request transportation to a school of choice will now be charged a \$400 annual fee, and those families who request an additional drop-off or pick-up location, will be charged \$300 in the new year.

Transportation fees are set annually by the board to partially offset the financial shortfall due to the difference between the cost of transportation and Alberta Education's transportation grant. The cost of student transportation services is estimated to be over \$800 per student, which has been annually increasing due to inflationary cost factors.

For more information, please visit [Policy 17](#) and [Appendix A](#) on the Division's website, or contact the Transportation Services department at 780-723-4471.