

Standard 7

Board Tendering for Transportation of Students with Special Needs

Currently the Board has posted an RFP for large and small school vehicles, which includes special needs vehicles. This RFP is scheduled to take effect for September 2024. All special needs vehicles under this RFP must meet the same requirements as our regular large school buses (i.e Class B driver with criminal background check, First Aid/CPR Training etc) In addition, to these vehicles, the Board will continue to maintain a list of qualified taxi/transportation companies that are available to transport special needs students. When required, the Board will request a quote from these companies. Similar to our contracted bus companies, these additional companies must qualify each year by providing the Board with an annual confirmation that all drivers have signed a confidentiality agreement, hold a valid class E or B license in good standing and have a current criminal background check, vulnerable sector check on file and all drivers have submitted an annual offence declaration. These companies must also confirm that all driver license abstracts have been reviewed and all drivers have up to date and current First Aid/CPR and Anaphylaxis training. Professional development is available upon request. As well, operators are provided information as appropriate for individual emergency plans for students. The Board includes equity, diversity, and inclusion principles in its general tendering processes.

For more information on transportation, visit [the STSCO website](#).

The following [Board policies and administrative regulations](#) address transportation:

BA-8.2 Bus Operator Contracted Services

BA-8.3 Route Operation

BA-8.4 Safety and Conduct on School Buses

BA-8.5 Bus Accidents and Resulting Injuries

BA-8.6 Transportation - Student Safety