

Transportation Overview For All Westmount Families

TRANSPORTATION AT WESTMOUNT

Westmount Charter School's transportation system was established to provide all parents with an alternative for transporting their child to and from the school. **Under the *School Act*, charter schools are not obliged to provide transportation.** This notwithstanding, Westmount is committed to the operation of a cost-effective, efficient and safe bus service for its students. Parents have a choice as to using this **optional** service for their children.

Provided there are no changes to government funding, Westmount will continue to give its **eligible** families the choice between two transportation options:

1. Register for busing and have government funding applied against your busing cost.

OR 2. Register for "Parent Provided" transportation which entitles Westmount to apply for government funding on your behalf. Your portion of the government funding is then payable to you at the end of the school year.

Parents must confirm registration for either option before September 30th.

This is Alberta Education's funding deadline.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Alberta Education provides Westmount with a transportation grant for eligible transported students registered at the school as of September 30. In order to be **eligible** for funding a student must live more than 2.4 km from the school. Distance is measured by the shortest route using roadways, pathways and walkways in accordance with the *School Act*, section 51 (4) (c), as follows: "the distance of a residence from a school or from a bus route is the shortest distance measured along a traveled road or public right of way between the school site or the bus route, as the case may be, and the nearest roadway access at the boundary of the quarter section or lot on which the student's parent resides".

In order to receive funding, an eligible student must be either riding the school bus **OR** the school and parent must have entered into a written agreement for the parent to provide transportation.

PARENT-PROVIDED (PP) TRANSPORTATION

GENERAL PROVISION

Parents can enter into an agreement with Westmount Charter School that entitles them to individual funding for Parent-Provided (PP) Transportation for arranging their child(ren)'s transportation to and from school each day.

CONDITIONS FOR FUNDING

1. Child(ren) must live greater than 2.4 km from the school
2. Parents must register their transportation choice thru the Online Registration system before September 30th
3. Applications for PP funding will not be available to parents after September 30th.

DISBURSEMENT

Alberta Education's transportation grant is \$549 per eligible parent transported student. Net payment from Westmount to our PP registered families will be \$499 which provides for a \$50 fee for program administration. Disbursement of funding to PP registered families is made after the end of the school year, once final funding has been received by Alberta Education. We receive our funding in 1/12th's from Alberta Education therefore we do not receive our funding in its entirety until August each school year. The board office will notify you of payment details late in the school year. If our financial situation affords us the ability to pay this funding in June of the current school year we will do so. All PP Funding is paid by direct deposit to your bank account. Further information regarding this will be sent out later in the school year to all registered and eligible families.