



SPRING 2015



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

CONTACTS

Diane Miles
Phone: 780-955-6048
diane.miles@blackgold.ca

Sue Timmermans
Transportation Manager
Phone: 780-955-6034
sue.timmermans@blackgold.ca

**After Hours
Emergency
Busing
Information:**
780-955-6025

FAX: 780-955-6050

www.blackgold.ca

**Central Office
Hours**
Mon – Fri
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Lunch Hr



There is a **\$402.00 fine & 6 demerits** for passing the school bus when red lights flashing and stop arm is extended.

Student Eligibility & Transportation Fees

Eligible Students – reside more than 2.4 kms from their *designated* school including rural students

Fees for Eligible Students:

Attending <i>designated</i> school	\$25
Attending other school	<i>School of Choice Transportation Fee</i>
<i>(transportation to a school of choice includes St. Thomas Aquinas students in rural Leduc areas and Covenant Christian students and is only an option where transportation is available)</i>	
	\$225.00 per student per year to a maximum of
	\$525.00 per family per year
	Plus: \$25 scan card fee

Ineligible Students – reside less than 2.4 kms from their *designated* school *(Note: Black Gold Regional Schools cannot claim these students for transportation funding. School boards are not obligated to provide transportation for ineligible students.)*

Fees for Ineligible Students:	\$225.00 per student per year to a maximum of
	\$525.00 per family per year
	Plus: \$25 scan card fee

2.4 Km Distance - per Alberta Education funding parameters, is the shortest distance from the student's residence to the designated school, which includes walkways, sidewalks, ditches, parkways, roadways, etc. Driving a vehicle the distance will not show the correct distance from the residence to the school. Black Gold Regional Schools has an electronic routing system which is accurate to within a metre and that distance is used to determine eligibility. **NOTE:** *Whenever new walkways, subdivisions or roads are built or connected, it will change the 2.4 kms distances to some areas depending upon the shortest pathway to the school.*

Scan Cards and GPS: *All school buses operating for Black Gold Schools students are equipped with GPS and student scan cards. Students are expected to scan their card getting on and off the bus. If a student does not have their card on them, they will be asked to bring it the next day and a phone call home will be the next step. Never will a child be left alone at a stop because they do not have a scan card on them.*

Urban (In-town) Busing

Please note the following regarding Urban (in-town busing):

- Transportation is not door-to-door but stops are set and students are required to be at the stop 5 minutes ahead of stop time. Students who run after a bus because they are late could slip and fall under a moving bus. Parents are responsible for student supervision at the bus stop.
- Many students walk five to six blocks to get to their stop.
- If students are not at the stop, the driver will assume the student is not attending or the parent is taking the student to school.
- As the driver will not know if the student has been picked up by parents due to appointments or other reasons, they will not be aware of who is riding home until the students get on the bus. Therefore, students are responsible to get to their bus after school.

Q & A - REGISTRATION FOR URBAN (In-town) BUSING

When do I register my child for urban (in-town) busing within the City of Leduc, Town of Beaumont, Town of Devon or Village of New Sarepta?

Parents may login to PowerSchool to pay the fee and then a scan card will be mailed out to the home address. If you do not have a login, please contact the school your child will be attending.

How can I make payment of the transportation fee?

Login to PowerSchool parent portal and choose to add the bus fee to your cart. The \$25 scan card fee is due immediately to generate the bus scan card, the balance of the fee can be paid in installments up to February 1st of the next year.

When do I know if my child will get a bus pass?

If the fee is paid for the fall, prior to July 15th, you will receive the scan card in the mail mid-August. If the payment is received later than August 1st, the scan card will be mailed out as quickly as possible.

How do I know where my child will catch the bus?

When the bus pass is mailed, a schedule indicating the stops and times will also be included.

What do I do if my child loses his/her scan card?

There is a \$25.00 replacement fee and cards are available at Central Office in Nisku.

Check out our website: www.blackgold.ca Parent tab and then Transportation for more information.

Transportation Fees

Student Ineligible for funding (residence is less than 2.4 km home to designated school) \$225.00** Maximum of \$525.00 per family	
School/program of choice (students attending their non-designated school based on their residence) Maximum of \$525.00 per family	\$225.00**
Scan card for <u>all students riding a school bus</u>	\$ 25.00*
Replacement of scan card (lost or missing card)	\$ 25.00

New this year: Black Gold will be implementing GPS and student scan cards on all buses.
*There will be a scan card fee of \$25 for every student riding on a school bus to offset the cost.

**Ineligible passengers and school/program of choice students will pay the scan card fee on top of the fee listed above.

Students may not access a school bus without a scan card.

To pay transportation fees:

Go to your PowerSchool login. The fee will be listed and you may pay online.

If you are new to our schools please contact the school to get a login for PowerSchool.

If you do not know which school your child should be enrolled in for the fall, you may contact our transportation department for more information at 780-955-6025.

Once your transportation fee is paid, the department will mail out the scan card to your home address.
Allow enough time over the summer for this to take place.