



<b>BOARD POLICY</b>	
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## **POLICY TITLE**

Student Safety

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board is committed to supporting student safety when dealing with students who walk and/or are transported to school.

### **2.0 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board that appropriate programs and services such as school safety patrols, school bus safety patrols, adult crossing guards, and Walking School Buses be utilized to support student safety.

### **3.0 GUIDELINES**

- 3.1 The Board offers transportation to students using a variety of vehicle types. For certain "special needs pupils" the vehicles alone are not sufficient. As a result, vehicles must be adapted in order to provide the safest possible environment. Therefore, the Board authorizes the use of special apparatus on-board vehicles to facilitate this requirement.
- 3.2 The Board recognizes the importance of conducting an annual school bus evacuation program that informs students of the safety features of a school purpose vehicle and how to deal with unexpected emergency situations while being transported.
- 3.3 From an environmental perspective, the Board acknowledges the need to address concerns which exist regarding exhaust fumes from idling school vehicles.

- 3.4 In addition, the Board recognizes the need to make provisions for the transportation of students with life threatening allergies.
- 3.5 “Walking School Bus” programs are programs facilitated and supported by some health units and run by the school community where volunteer parents walk children to and from school.
- 3.6 Administrative Regulations will reflect the philosophy of this Policy.

**4.0 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS****5.0 REFERENCES/RELATED DOCUMENTS****6.0 RELATED POLICIES**

Policy 1001, Student Eligibility  
Policy 1002, Bus Operator Contracted Services  
Policy 1003, Route Operation  
Policy 1004, Safety and Conduct on School Buses  
Policy 1005, Accidents and Injuries on Buses

**7.0 RELATED FORMS****8.0 APPROVED BY BOARD**

October 24, 2006

**9.0 EFFECTIVE DATE**

May 22, 2012

**10.0 POLICY REVIEW DATE**

May 2017

**11.0 REVIEW BY**

Business and Finance Services  
Transportation Authority