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<p>Statement</p>	<p>Wherever possible all students who are eligible for Special Education Transportation will be transported on regular buses with appropriate accommodations.</p> <p>If, in the opinion of the School Board and WESTS, transportation on regular buses with accommodation is not possible or not the best option for a student with a disability because of the nature of the disability or safety concerns, appropriate alternative accessible transportation services will be provided.</p> <p>WESTS and the School Board provide services in accordance with the <i>Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)</i> and the <i>Human Rights Code</i>.</p> <p>Transportation/Health Plans will be developed by the School Board for the student.</p>
<p>Responsibilities</p>	<p>The School Board Special Education Staff will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide WESTS with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Application form for new students requiring Special Education Transportation. b. Notification of students no longer requiring Special Education Transportation c. Any changes to addresses or schools on the Specialized Needs Transportation Application Form. 2. Note any special equipment requirements on the Specialized Needs Transportation Application Form and Transportation/Health Plan. 3. Develop Transportation/Health Plans and communicate these plans to WESTS. The plans will include the roles and responsibilities of the transportation provider and driver of the vehicle and must be approved by WESTS. 4. Forward a Student Safety Plan, if needed. 5. Forward an Epilepsy Plan of Care if needed. 6. Forward any changes to a student’s status during the year to WESTS for action.



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	<p>WESTS staff will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Arrange transportation that meet the needs of the student. 8. Approve all special needs equipment required on the school bus for each student. 9. Provide the information on the busing service to the Special Education staff at the board, schools and parents via Bus Planner Web. 10.If integrated accessible school transportation cannot be accommodated in a safe manner, WESTS will notify the special education department of the Board making the request and identify alternative transportation options. <p>Bus Operator will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11.Ensure that the Transportation/Health Plan is shared with the bus driver and kept on the vehicle in a secure location. <p>Bus Driver will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12.Make themselves familiar with the requirements in the student’s Transportation/Health Plan. <p>School staff and parents/guardians will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13.Secure the approved special needs equipment required for the student when putting their student on the bus. 14. Remain with the student until the driver advises that the equipment is properly secured.
<p>Short-term Accommodations</p>	<p>Transportation for short-term medical condition or injury, which are deemed to constitute a disability for which student transportation is an appropriate accommodation under the <i>Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)</i> or <i>Human Rights Code</i>, will be provided for the duration of the disability-related need. All other short-term requests will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.</p>