

Transportation Eligibility

Red Deer Public Schools establishes designated schools for each area of the city. Eligibility for transportation services is determined by the distance from a student's place of residence to their designated school. *Please note*, Guidelines for determining these distances are established by the School Act and School District policy.

Eligibility distance:

Grades 1 to 5 = 1.6 km

Grades 6 to 12 = 2.4 km

Ineligible students:

Students who reside less than the eligibility distance may be able to access services *if space is available*. These students will be required to pay additional fees for transportation as the District does not receive transportation funding for ineligible students. A list of fees is available on our website.

NOTE: Charter Transportation for ineligible students *may* be available if there is room on the bus and the student resides along the existing bus route. Availability is *not* guaranteed and is subject to change throughout the school year as student numbers and routes change. During the school year ineligible students may lose their seat on the bus if an eligible student requires transportation.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

From time to time school buses are late. You must ensure that your child is adequately protected from the elements while waiting at a bus stop and that an alternate transportation plan is available should you need to transport your child yourself.

If your child will not require Charter (yellow) busing on any particular day, please call your carrier (Prairie @ 342-6390) or in the case of Gateway Christian School, call your particular bus driver to let them know directly.

Red Deer Public School District No. 104

4747 53 Street

Red Deer, AB T4N 2E6

Phone: 403.342.3724

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Charter/Transit School Bus Service Information



**Serving more than 3500
students each day**

Phone: 403.342.3724

Busing: Charter or Transit?

Bus Services Overview



Overview

Red Deer Public Schools is pleased to provide students with a variety of transportation services. Please note that provision of transportation services is guided by provincial regulations set by Alberta Education.

NOTE: It is essential that students make application for transportation services **each year**. Application forms are available at any of our schools or on our website www.rdpsd.ab.ca/transportation and should be returned to the school as soon as possible to assist in planning of transportation services for students. Transportation questions can be directed to the District Transportation Services Department at 342-3724.

Charter Bus Service

Charter bus services are provided by traditional yellow school bus and travel on designated school bus routes as established by Red Deer Public Schools. Charter buses serve all elementary and one middle school (Westpark Middle) in the District as well as special education students. Charter bus service is provided by our contractor, Prairie Bus Lines.

Students wishing to use the charter (yellow) bus system must complete a Charter Transportation Application form, available at the school, at Central Services, 4747 53 Street or on our website: www.rdpsd.ab.ca/transportation.html.

Charter Application Form: All students requiring Charter bus service must complete a Charter Bus Application Form each year and return it to their school before June 15th. Applications received after the June 15th deadline, will have a \$20.00 late fee assessed. Fees MUST accompany the application in order for it to be processed. This fee does NOT apply to new students transferring in from another school jurisdiction or Red Deer Public families that transfer schools within the District over the course of the summer.

An initial listing of Charter bus routes and stops operated by the District is provided for each school and published in the Red Deer Advocate Life on the 3rd Sunday in August with an update published on the last Sunday in August. Routes are also available on our website www.rdpsd.ab.ca/transportation.

Please note that bus routes and times are subject to change throughout the school year.

Charter questions call 342.3724

Transit Bus Service

Transit bus services are provided by the Red Deer City Transit Department and travel along regular city transit routes. The Transit system is utilized by Middle (Grades 6-8, the exception is Westpark Middle School which is currently serviced by Charter Bus) and High School (Grades 9-12) students.

Transit Application Form: All Middle and High school students wishing to access transit services must complete a Transit Bus Application form each year and return it to their school before June 15th. A \$20.00 processing fee (\$30 if submitted after June 15th) is required and MUST accompany the application. Completed forms are submitted to the school office but may also be dropped off at the Central Services Office (4747 - 53 Street, Red Deer, AB T4N 2E6).

Transit Application questions call 342.3733

Transit Route Information call 342.8225

Gateway Christian School

Gateway operates its bussing independently of the Red Deer Public School District. Contact the school's main office at 346-5795 for transportation information.