

If my child is approved as a Border Crosser to a school outside of our home school area, will my child receive transportation from our door?

No, transportation is provided to eligible students within a school's attendance boundary only. Huron Perth Student Transportation Services (HPSTS) staff will designate a safe location to meet the bus within the school attendance area based on space availability on the bus.

In the case above, will the stop location where I meet the bus always be at the same location year to year?

Stop locations are reviewed on an ongoing basis. As eligible students move or graduate and stops are eliminated, your designated stop location or meeting point may be changed as well.

How will I know if it will be changed?

You will receive notification from the school, the bus company, or HPSTS.

Who is responsible for getting my child to and from the designated stop? Who is responsible for my child at the stop?

As with any eligible student, the parent is responsible for the safety and conduct of their child on the way to the stop, at the stop, and on the way home from the stop. Inappropriate behaviour at the stop, on the bus, and on the way to and from the stop may result in suspension of bus privileges.



"OK. Knowing all of this, what is the next step in applying for Border Crossing?"

Contact your home school, which will provide you with Form 302B- Request for Border Crossing.

Please remember, transportation is not guaranteed and is highly subject to change throughout a year and definitely from year to year. Families requesting to border cross are reminded that the request will not be approved if there is not sufficient accommodation in the receiving class.

Special Education services provided at the home school may not necessarily be available at the requested school. If you currently qualify for a public bus transit bus pass, you may no longer qualify for the pass at the requested school.



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Students living within a designated attendance area of an AMDSB school may request to attend another school within the Board.

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Border Crossing



what does it mean and is it right for my family?





"I've heard about Border Crossing, and we think it might be right for our family... but now what?"

Here are some common questions people ask when thinking about border crossing. The most important things to know is that transportation is the responsibility of the parent, and border crossing is not guaranteed year to year.

Let's start with the basics:

How do I know which school my child is supposed to attend?

Go to yourschools.ca, click on the Transportation Link (left hand side) and then click on the link "What school do I attend?". Within the next screen, select the link "Which School do I attend" and then enter your full address, Avon Maitland District School Board, select the grade level of your child (choose the number with the 'F' if you are wishing to attend a French immersion school) then click submit. Your home school will be displayed.

If I don't live within the Avon Maitland District School Board borders can I request to border cross?

Yes, out-of-district families who want to border cross into AMDSB may make the request at the school they want to attend, and will be provided with the ***Request for Border Crossing Form***.

If I move in the middle of the year to another school area, can I stay at my current school?

A border crossing request must be completed at the time of the move. You may be allowed to remain at the current school until the end of the school year. Transportation will not be provided from home to a school that is not within your home school area.



Do I have to complete a border crossing request every year?

Yes, approval for school acceptance and transportation is subject to annual review and if conditions change, the approval may be withdrawn. Placement cannot be guaranteed each year because of the possibility of new families moving into the area.

If my JK child has an older sibling attending a school that is not my home school, can I register my JK child at that school?

All border cross requests must be initiated at the home school including siblings of currently approved border crossers.

I don't have any other children in school. Can I register my JK child at the school I want them to attend?

You must register your JK child at your home school and fill out a border crossing application.

Applications for the following year must be received by February 1st of the current year. Decisions will be communicated to parent/guardian or adult student in April. Any forms received after February 1st (initial application) will not be considered prior to June 30th. Siblings of current border crossers will not be automatically approved.

If my child is receiving special education services at my home school and we choose to border cross to another school, will my child continue to receive the same special education services?

Special Education services provided at the home school may not necessarily be available at the requested school.



"If we decide to border cross, will the bus still pick our children up at our door?"