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<p><b>Statement</b></p>	<p>Integrated Accessible School Transportation Services will be granted to JK to Grade 12 students as deemed necessary per the special needs departments for each board upon notification to WESTS.</p> <p>If, in the opinion of the board, integrated accessible school transportation services are 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 <b>may</b> be provided.</p>
<p><b>Procedures</b></p>	<p><b>Permanent Special Needs Requests</b></p> <p>Each boards Special Needs Department will provide WESTS with applications for new students requiring transportation, notification of students no longer requiring specialized transportation and any changes to addresses or schools on the Specialized Needs Transportation Application Form – TF-07.</p> <p>Any special equipment requirements must be noted on the application form.</p> <p>WESTS will organize the most cost-effective transportation method for the approved results. The information will be provided to the Board administration, schools and parents via <b>Bus Planner Web</b>.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The special education departments for the individual boards will develop individual school transportation plans and will communicate these plans to WESTS. The plans will include the roles and responsibilities of the transportation provider and operator of the vehicle <b>and must be approved by WESTS</b>.</p>



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	<p>Any changes to a student's status during the year must be forwarded to WESTS for action.</p> <p><b>Short term Special Needs Requirements</b></p> <p>Transportation for a short-term medical situations or injury that are deemed to constitute a disability, under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) will be provided for the duration of the disability. All other short term requests will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.</p>
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