

Bill 1 Transportation Information

Calgary Transit pass rebate for junior and senior high students

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) has implemented the Government of Alberta's Bill 1, an Act to Reduce School Fees. With the introduction of Bill 1 in the 2017-2018 school year, CCSD transportation fees and eligibility have changed to align with the government's directive; therefore, some students who have previously received a Calgary Transit rebate may not be eligible under the current legislation.

All junior and senior high school students who attend their designated school and who live more than 2.4 km from their designated school are eligible to apply for a monthly Transit Pass rebate on their purchased Transit Pass.

CCSD will provide a rebate of \$54.90 per month per pass to eligible students who follow the district's rebate procedure. This amount is equivalent to the Government of Alberta subsidies provided for transportation for students who live more than 2.4 km from their designated school. The cost of a monthly Calgary Transit Youth Pass is \$70 for 2017-2018.

INELIGIBLE: Students enrolled in a program of choice in a school that is not their designate are not eligible for a Transit Pass rebate under Bill 1. A program of choice is defined as the following:

- Advanced Placement (AP); Chamber Ensemble Strings; Extended French; Hockey Canada Skills Academy; International Baccalaureate (IB); Bishop Carroll Self-Directed program; Bishop Grandin Senior High Marching Band; Spanish Bilingual; CTF programs; Home Schooling; students residing outside of Calgary but attending a Calgary school; etc.

Please note: This list is not exhaustive and may include other programs, which are not specifically listed at this time.

If you have questions or are unsure of the eligibility requirement, please contact school administration.

FAQ's

1. Why are French and Spanish programs/schools not eligible?

The provincial government's Bill 1 and its accompanying regulations does not fund transportation to programs of choice. The government's definition of programs of choice includes French, Spanish, Fine Arts programs, etc.

2. Why did my child get a rebate last year but not this year?

In past years prior to Bill 1, students who lived more than 2.4 km from the school they attended were eligible to receive a rebate if they filled out and submitted an annual rebate form. However, through Bill 1, the government indicated transportation funding

is for only those students who attend their designated school and reside more than 2.4 km from that school. Programs of choice do not meet the eligibility requirements.

3. If I live more than 2.4 km from my designated school, would I qualify for a bus pass? Why do I not qualify for a bus pass if I go to a school program of choice?

The government does not fund programs of choice. When you select a program of choice, you fall under a different funding category and do not qualify for the rebate.

4. Why are programs of choice not eligible when the district and schools offer these programs?

All Calgary Catholic schools offer a well-rounded, faith-based education in a caring, inclusive and nurturing community to meet each student's unique needs. We provide a wide range of programs mandated by Alberta Education from kindergarten to Grade 12, as well as, offer a comprehensive choice of additional programs and services in collaboration with our many partners in the community.

These programs are designed to support the unique needs of each of our students by providing an array of options to aid in their pursuits. See list above on what a program of choice is defined as.

5. Do you have to live over the 2.4 km walk limit and attend the designated school to acquire the rebate?

Yes, both sets of criteria must be met in order to be eligible for the rebate.

6. Why did Calgary Catholic do this and who can I appeal this to?

The government's Bill 1 legislation and regulations mandate how school boards must use the funding for transportation. CCSD transportation fees and eligibility have changed to align with the government's directive and regulations outlined in Bill 1; therefore, some students who have previously received a Calgary Transit rebate may not be eligible under the current legislation.

7. Why is there a discrepancy between measurements displayed in online applications like Google Walk when compared with CCSD walk limit measurements?

The district's software system may measure slightly differently than the Google Walk feature. The City of Calgary's electronic maps are imported into the district's software. This is the system approved by Alberta Transportation for reporting purposes and funding. It is the system we will continue to use for all district students' measurements.