

BUS TRANSPORT POLICY

PURPOSE:

To ensure that pupils who are eligible have access to school transport.

OBJECTIVES:

Transport assistance will be provided, as determined by the Ministry of Education policy on distance, criteria, and the Tauranga Districts Schools Transport Network Group Transport Policy, to pupils who wish to attend Otumoetai Intermediate School.

Otumoetai Intermediate School will provide a contact person (Bus Controller) to communicate with parents and the Network Group.

Eligible Pupils

Pupils must reside more than 4.8kms from Otumoetai Intermediate School to normal home residence, and be more than 4.8kms from the nearest school that has Year 7 and 8 pupils.

Transfer Entitlement

Pupils can use their entitlement to transport to their nearest year 7/8 school to travel to Otumoetai Intermediate School providing they can get to bus run by the Network Group.

Ineligible Pupils

- (a) Travel on the Network's contracted bus services is available to ineligible pupils on the following guidelines:
- Space being available
 - Pupils are travelling to a school designated as being served on that particular bus route. (The Transport Committee using its discretion in allowing numbers of pupils being transported away from their nearest/designated school)
 - The Network having authority to authorize parent paid extensions or fare paying structures
- (b) The Board may arrange bus transport for ineligible students by contracting a bus company on a user pays basis. Some subsidy may be provided by the Board to facilitate student attendance at Otumoetai Intermediate School.

Bus Controllers Duties

1. Liaise with parents and pupils.
2. Maintain a list of pupils.
3. Liaise with Multi Serve.
4. Report to Principal behaviour and accidents.
5. Issuing bus passes and replacement passes.

CONCLUSION:

Pupils who live in Bethlehem, Moffat road and beyond, if eligible, will be provided with transport to Otumoetai Intermediate School while others living more than 4.8km from school under special

circumstances may also be able to use school transport by Transfer Entitlement or by applying to the Network and purchasing a pass to use the transport.