



School transport in Sölvesborg municipality

Childcare and Education Department

Rules for Sölvesborg municipality's school transport for preschool class, compulsory school and compulsory school for pupils with learning disabilities.

What is school transport and the right to school transport

What is school transport?

(school transport ordinance 1 §)

School buses provide transport for pupils in preschool class, compulsory school and compulsory school for pupils with learning disabilities between the school and the address in the population register. School buses also provide transport to another school for lessons.

Education Act/right to use school transport

The rules apply to pupils who are registered in Sölvesborg municipality. School transport is regulated in the Education Act and in the school transport ordinance, pursuant to chapter 10 § 32 and chapter 11 § 31 in the Education Act.

Right to school transport

Pupils in preschool class, compulsory school and compulsory school for pupils with learning disabilities who meet the

requirements regarding distance, traffic conditions, disability or any of the special circumstances, are entitled to use the school bus service.

The school bus application form for special circumstances should be completed and handed in to the Childcare and Education office. Individual assessments regarding special circumstances are conducted by the school transport administrator.

Pupils who have chosen to attend another municipal compulsory school other than the one allocated by the municipality or have chosen to attend a charter compulsory school or charter compulsory school for pupils with learning disabilities, are not entitled to school transport unless this can be arranged without organisational and financial difficulties (*Education Act, chapter 10 § 32 2 paragraph and chapter 10 § 40*).



Disability, traffic conditions and distance

Disability and illness

Pupils, that require school transport due to disability or illness, can be granted this.

Traffic conditions

In the assessment of traffic safety on the pupils' route to school consideration is taken to the volume of traffic, speed, the width and condition of the route, street lighting and winter road maintenance, etc.

Distance

Pupils are entitled to school transport if the distance exceeds the following. The distance is measured digitally and is the shortest route from the home to the school bus stop.

Preschool class

Further than 2 km between the home and school

Year 1-3

Further than 3 km between the home and school

Year 4-6

Further than 4 km between the home and school

Year 7-9

Further than 5 km between the home and school

When a pupil in year 6 attends a unified 6-9 school, the distance regulations for this pupil are the same as for pupils in year 7-9. Pupils are collected and dropped off at pick-up/alighting points determined by the school. Pick-up/alighting points are to be located on public roads.



Waiting times, arrival times and earliest pick-up times

The times set out below are guidelines that cannot be guaranteed in each individual case. A deviating need may arise due to conditions at each school and on account of a safety assessment taking into account an additional cost to further expand services compared to the pupil's time savings.

- The earliest pick-up time for pupils prior to school start is 50 minutes (non-scheduled traffic).
- Pupils in preschool class and up to year 5 arrive at school at the earliest 20 minutes before school start and pupils in year 6-9 arrive at the earliest 40 minutes before school start (non-scheduled traffic).
- The afternoon waiting time is at most 20 minutes after the end of the ordinary schedule for school classes for preschool class and up to year 5 and 50 minutes for year 6-9.

In the event of delayed transport

Pupils remain at the bus stop after the appointed departure time, to then return home and call the school for information.



Winter school transport and distribution of responsibility

Winter school transport

School transport can be granted during the period November to March, or a part of this time, for pupils, who according to the basic prerequisites are not entitled to transport. Consideration is then taken to the traffic conditions that can arise during this part of the year in terms of even narrower roads, poorer lighting and visibility conditions, poorer road conditions and the like, that make it harder to move safely.

Winter school transport can either be offered through the pupil catching an existing school bus service during the time period in question, via extra services and/or routes or via a ticket for existing scheduled services. Waiting and arrival times during winter school transport may deviate and need to be adapted to existing school bus services. School transport applies to the geographical area determined by the Childcare and Education committee. Here you do not apply but will be allocated winter school transport.

Distribution of responsibility for municipal school transport

- Route between the home and the pick-up/ alighting point

It is the parents who are responsible for pupils from the home and to and from the pick-up/alighting point.

- At the pick-up/alighting point

The parents are responsible for pupils until he/she is sitting in the vehicle and vice versa.

- During the journey in the vehicle (procured traffic)

The contractor has responsibility for pupils during the journey from when they sit in the vehicle until they arrive at the school bus stop or the home's alighting point.

- At the bust stop by the school

The school is responsible for pupils after they have alighted from the vehicle at the school and during the entire school day until they are sitting in the vehicle on the home journey.



Alternate residence and rules

Alternate residence

At the same and different catchment areas within the municipality the following applies:

- Alternate residence refers to pupils who live 50%, 40% or 60% with each guardian.
- The school transport organisation does not make provisions for the change between housing addresses.
- The application for alternate residence is made using a separate form.
- The right to school transport is assessed from each of the pupil's homes.
- Successful applications apply for the current school year. New applications for the coming school year are submitted to Childcare and Education department at the latest by the end of April.

Rules for municipal school transport

- All pupils must wear a seat belt during the school transport.
- The bus driver ensures that all pupils under 15 years of age are wearing a seat belt before leaving and urges all those over 15 years old to wear a seat belt.
- Bags/backpacks are stored on the floor or on the knees.
- Peace and quiet must prevail in the vehicle.
- It is prohibited for pupils to touch anything on the instrument panel.
- Everyone gives each other a warm welcome.
- Any damage to vehicles is paid for by the guardians and will always be reported to the police.

The bus driver will reprimand any pupils who breach the above rules. If the pupil fails to comply with the reprimand and subjects themselves or others to danger the bus driver will stop the vehicle at an appropriate location and contact the traffic safety officer who may have to arrange a replacement vehicle for the other pupils. The driver will not continue to drive until the pupil obeys the order. The cost for the replacement vehicle will be paid for by the pupil's guardians. The incident will then be reported to the coordinator for the municipality's school transport services and the relevant principal.



In the event of accidents

Emergency plan

Actions to be performed by the driver in the event of an accident:

- View the accident site
- Evacuate the bus and assemble the pupils
- Check for any injuries
- Call the emergency services, tel. 112
- Assist any of those injured
- Position roadside warning triangles
- Assemble the pupils in a safe place and count them
- Contact the staff at the school and the responsible contractor as well as the school transport manager at the department.

Hereafter the unit's own emergency plan for bus accidents takes effect.



The complete regulations for school transport can be downloaded from www.solvesborg.se/barnochutbildning.

Other questions

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