

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION



TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

2025/2026



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division partners with Southland Transportation Ltd. and Lethbridge School Division to provide school bus transportation services for students travelling to our Lethbridge schools.

We are currently working to implement the recent changes announced by the Government of Alberta regarding eligibility, distances, and funding for September 2, 2025. For the 2025/2026 school year, the school division will not be charging transportation fees for government-funded eligible riders.

To assist with planning and ensure sufficient space on busses, riders will be **REQUIRED TO REGISTER** in order to access transportation services for the 2025/2026 school year. If registration is not received prior to the end of the school year, there may not be space available.

ELIGIBILITY & FEES

Eligible - No Fee Required

The following eligible riders may access transportation for no fee:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 students within the school division's boundaries who reside 1.6 km or more from their designated school.
- Grade 7-12 students within the school division's boundaries who reside 2 km or more from their designated school.
- Students accessing a Fine Arts Program of choice under the following circumstances:
 - K-6 students living inside the boundary of The Children of St. Martha School or Father Leonard Van Tighem School who require transportation to St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School.
 - Grade 7-9 students living in the Father Leonard Van Tighem School attendance zone, who attended Grade 6 at St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School in the prior school year, and wishes to continue with a Fine Arts Program of Choice by attending St. Francis Junior High School.

Eligible - Fee Required

Students are eligible to ride the bus for a fee under the following conditions:

- They are a Kindergarten to Grade 6 student attending Father Leonard Van Tighem School who require after-school child care at Children of St. Martha School, providing space is available on existing routes.

Fees for the 2025/2026 school year:

- \$25.00/month/student to a maximum of \$75.00/month/family.
- The school will assign fees to your School Cash Online Account once registration is complete

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION NOTES:

- *Transportation services are provided to school at the beginning of the school day and from school at the end of the day to the student's primary residence. Students are not permitted to ride the bus to a friend's or relative's house, daycare, parent's workplace, etc...*
- *The Transportation Coordinator utilizes Government approved software to calculate the distance that a student lives from their designated school. This official distance informs both eligibility and funding.*