

Joe Clark - Back to School FAQ's

What do I need to know for next year?

Great question! We have created a slideshow that should answer most of your questions. You can follow this link - [Joe Clark Start Up](#) - to access it at any time!

How do I get school supplies for next year?

We have two options for you!

- Go directly to this link: <https://schoolstart.ca/>
 - Click on 'Parents Shop Here'
 - 'Purchase School Supply Kits'
 - Select Province, City, then School.
 - Lastly, click on your child's grade and proceed from there.
 - Your supplies will be delivered **directly to your house**.
- You may also shop yourself with your families! Please go to this link - [Joe Clark School Supplies](#)
- We are **always** here to support families that may have challenges purchasing school supplies due to financial concerns – **please** reach out to the office and we can support you!

What about school fees?

There are fees to assist with our school be the best it can be. We have been purposeful in ensuring that they are as cost effective as possible. School fees are attached to the original email and posted to website for our kindergarten program and our grades one through five students.

There will be extracurricular opportunities and field trips that will have a fee throughout the year. **Those fees will be shared when those activities begin.**

If I need transportation for next year, what do I need to do?

To be considered for bus routing for the 2023-2024 school year and receive a bus pass, each student riding the bus (Rural and In-Town) must be registered before June 30, 2023. We heard your suggestions during our Ideas that Make Cents engagement and agree that we can refine our bus routes to eliminate empty runs. As such, we will require registration for each student who will utilize the bus service. This includes both 'Eligible Riders' who are outside the 2.4km walk limit from their designated school as well as 'Ineligible Riders' who are within the limit or attend an out-of-boundary school. Eligible Riders will be given priority and those considered

Ineligible will be granted a bus pass if space is available on the route. Applications received after June 30th will be processed in the order received and passes may not be issued until after the school year start.

In addition to registration, there will be no transportation fees for the 2023-2024 school year, as per [Student Transportation Services \(AP\)](#). Fees, to be determined, may be charged from the 2024-2025 school year.

How to Register:

- From a **desktop, laptop or tablet** visit:
<https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/page/198/apply-for-transportation> not mobile friendly)
- Select "Transportation Application"
- Read and understand the [Transportation Application Guidelines](#) and accept the terms within the transportation Handbook
- Complete information required
- Submit form for each student in your household that will require transportation

In terms of the Alberta Education funding regulations there are two criteria for eligibility to receive bus service:

- Students must attend their designated school. This designation is in terms of: a. Established school boundaries; or b. The division directs a student to an out-of-boundary school for specific specialized programming.
- The student must live 2.4km or more away from the designated school. "[Is my child eligible?](#)" [follow this link](#).

If you are moving house this summer, be sure to change your address with your school/register at new school before registering for transportation.

Eligible Riders who have registered for transportation will be notified and will be able to pick up their bus pass at their school prior to the start of year. Ineligible Riders who have registered will have their space confirmed within 8 weeks of the school year start. Ineligible Riders must have alternative transportation arranged until a bus pass may be issued.

For questions or concerns, please contact our Transportation Team:
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