

As the end of another school year rapidly approaches, please note of the following information regarding transportation services for the 2017-2018 school year.

OC Transpo route schedules will also be made available through the OSTA website or can be found directly through the OC Transpo website at www.octranspo.com. More information on routes to specific schools can be obtained on OC Transpo's Quick Planner under High Schools and Middle Schools. This information is generally updated around August 20th.

Transportation Information During the Summer Months

Please note that the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority will be open during the summer months from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

OCSB parents are advised to call the school board's Summer Registration Centre 613-224-3171 for changes to home and/or caregiver address.

OC Transpo Presto SmartCard System

Many students in grades 7-12 will be assigned an annual Presto pass and must register and replace their own cards (if necessary). A user guide and online information will be made available for students and staff upon distribution of the passes.

Every time a student boards a bus they should be TAPPING their Presto card, whether they board at the front or via the rear doors on any bus, every time. This helps OC Transpo and OSTA assess the number of riders and the number of buses we need to manage loads on particular routes. More buses means fewer overloads and less waiting for another bus for our students.

To qualify for a PRESTO card, students must live further than the distance indicated below from the school:

Grade 7&8: 1.6km

Grades 9-12: 3.2km

Transportation Information During the Fall

Parents should be advising schools directly of any changes to student home address. OSTA will require a minimum of three business days to implement a change to transportation services, and it may take longer than three days to receive a new PRESTO card following a change.