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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board to reimburse parents or guardians of eligible pupils for the cost of providing board, lodging, and transportation for such pupils, subject to the availability of funding.

Rationale

Section 190 of the Education Act authorizes district school boards to reimburse parents or guardians for the cost of providing board, lodging, and transportation for pupils where daily transportation from the parent/guardian's residence is impractical due to distance or terrain.

Guidelines

1. Eligibility – Eligible pupils for board, lodging, and transportation are as defined in Education Act, Section 190 Subsections 8 to 13. The following additional eligibility requirements are established:
 - a. Assistance will be provided only to pupils attending schools operated by the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPDSB).
 - b. Pupils of the Board will be eligible for assistance. Other pupils whose parent/guardian resides on a First Nation will not be eligible for assistance, as they are the responsibility of the First Nation.
 - c. The residence of the parent/guardian must be located at least 48 km by road from the nearest school operated by the board and must be located at least 48 km by road from the nearest school bus stop offering service to the nearest school.
 - d. Students who require board and lodging because of the temporary absence of a parent or guardian or because of temporary change of the parent or guardian's residence are not eligible for assistance.
 - e. In order to be eligible for assistance in respect of any school year, students must be under 21 years of age as of December 31 of the school year.

Cross Reference:
Education Act, Section 190
Policy 606, Transportation

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2. Approval – The Director of Education, or designate, shall review all requests for board, lodging, and transportation assistance and shall determine which requests will be approved.
3. Attendance – Assistance payments shall be dependent on satisfactory attendance at school as certified by the school principal.
4. Board, Lodging, and Transportation Arrangements – The parent/guardian shall be responsible for arranging and paying for the board, lodging, and transportation of the pupil. KPDSB assumes no responsibility to make such arrangements.
5. Payments – Payments will be based on the lesser of the parent/guardian’s actual cost and the maximum monthly board, lodging, and transportation allowances as set out in this policy. Payments will be made direct to the parent/guardian and not to the providers of board, lodging, and transportation.
6. Allowances – The maximum monthly allowances for eligible pupils are as set out below:

Effective September 1, 2016

- a. Board & Lodging: \$550.00 per month;
- b. Transportation: \$100.00 per month.

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