

2016 Bus Eligibility Guidelines

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL STUDENTS:

To be eligible for travel on a DECD SCHOOL BUS to and from school, students must reside 5kms or more from the nearest appropriate Government school.

Students residing within 5kms of a Government school have no entitlement to transport but may be given permission by the Assistant Regional Director of Adelaide Hills if primary school level or the Principal of Mount Barker High School if secondary school level to travel to that school on a school bus provided by the department if room is available. Further information on the criteria can be obtained by contacting Mount Barker High School on 8391 1599. In the event of the bus becoming overcrowded with students who are eligible for travel, all ineligible students will be informed that the permission given to them to travel on the bus will be withdrawn.

NON GOVERNMENT SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Students attending non-government schools are permitted to use DECD school buses to travel to those schools. Primary and secondary students attending non-government schools and who reside 5 kms or more from the nearest appropriate Government school, have a right to use existing bus services to travel to that Government school only and then their private school will provide a connecting bus service to their school.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

A new bus application must be filled out each year and sent to Mount Barker High School for processing and an approval letter received prior to your child/children utilising the school bus service.

School buses provided by the department serve designated areas and travel on approved routes to particular Government schools. Students living in those areas and who are enrolled at their Government school of right are automatically eligible for travel on these buses provided the distance eligibility criterion can be met. (More than 5km distance from school).

Parents have the right to exercise a choice of school when enrolling their children for schooling, but enrolment acceptance to that school does not give automatic right of travel on a school bus servicing the school of their choice. If bus travel is required, parents must apply to the principal of the school at which enrolment has been made, for approval to use the bus.