

## STS NEWS UPDATE July 1, 2022

### New Amber Lights on School Buses Coming July 2022

Starting **July 1, 2022**, Ontario will require all school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2005 to be equipped with four (4) overhead amber signal-lights and four (4) overhead red signal-lights. The current system in place in Ontario uses red lights only. The new ***Eight Lamp Amber-Red Warning*** system uses two stages of flashing overhead signal-lights to signal that a school bus is slowing (amber lights) and stopping (red lights) to improve clarity to surrounding road users. The adoption of this system will improve student transportation and road safety and align Ontario with measures taken in all other provinces who have already adopted the Eight Lamp Amber-Red warning system.

School buses servicing schools in the London District Catholic School Board and Thames Valley District School Board will be retrofitted over the summer in order to ensure compliance with the new regulatory requirements.

Please find a link below to a quick informational video regarding the change in legislation.

[New School Bus Warning Light System](#)



Effective July 1, 2022.

Watch out for updated overhead “Amber” warning lights on the back and front of school buses this summer.

Flashing overhead “Amber” lights means that the bus is slowing down and is about to stop to pickup or drop off students.

When you see a school bus with its overhead “Amber” lights flashing:

- Slow down
- Be prepared to stop
- Watch out for children



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There is a new message  
on the back door of school buses:

**“DO NOT PASS WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASHING”**

This new message reinforces our school bus stopping laws  
and is a good reminder for everyone:

**Red Lights Flashing..... NO PASSING**





## STS NEWS UPDATE May 30, 2022

### School Bus Registration Opens for the 2022-2023 School Year

School Bus registration for eligible students for the 2022-23 school year is now open! To schedule bus service more effectively for students Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services (STS) has an annual mandatory registration process for students who are eligible to receive bus service.

#### [2022-2023 School Bus Registration Form](#)

For students who have special needs and require specialized transportation arrangements, the registration form is available [here](#).

#### **Know Your Student ID**

Prior to registering, families should also make sure they know the Student ID number which is available by contacting the school office or in the school's Parent Portal, or in your STS Parent Portal.

#### **Registration Deadline**

Bus registration applications will close on July 15, 2022, so that bus routes can be finalized before the start of the school year. Families who register after July 15<sup>th</sup> may experience delays in being assigned to transportation before school starts in September.

#### **You don't need bus service?**

No action is required. School bus service is a shared ride environment, with multiple students using the space over the course of the day. Same families may choose not to use the school bus service for personal reasons. ***If you are not using the school bus, you do not need to register.*** We understand that your circumstances may change, if they do, please complete a registration form at that time.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

We understand you may have questions or may need assistance completing the registration form. We are here to help you!

- Visit our Help Page for [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Send us a message at [Contact Us](#)
- Call our Registration Hotline at 519-432-0687