



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION BULLETIN

Fall 2026 Transit Schedule Changes

Effective Sunday, September 6, 2026

BC Transit and its regional partners are reintroducing additional service in September 2026!

Please share with anyone who relies on transit to get to and from school.

For information about trip planning, fares and schedules, visit bctransit.com/kelowna

New Trips — Routes 5, 8, 16, 19, 32

These five routes are getting dedicated extra buses due to high ridership in the afternoon. Based on each route's corridor, here are the SD23 schools most likely affected:

Route	Corridor	Schools Along the Route
5 Gordon / Downtown	Gordon Dr., downtown to KLO / Mission	École Kelowna Secondary, École KLO Middle, École Okanagan Mission Secondary, École, A.S. Matheson Elementary
8 University / College	Springfield & Gordon, Orchard Park, Rutland Exchange, Okanagan College, UBCO	Springvalley Elementary & Middle, Rutland Senior Secondary & Rutland Middle, École KLO Middle, South Rutland Elementary
16 Mission	Upper Mission / Kettle Valley	École Okanagan Mission Secondary, Canyon Falls Middle, Chute Lake Elementary, Dorothea Walker Elementary
19 Glenmore / Orchard Park	Glenmore neighbourhood	École Dr. Knox Middle, Watson Road Elementary
32 The Lakes	Lake Country / Winfield	George Elliot Secondary, École H S Grenda Middle

Other Schedule Changes

- Additional trips are also being added system-wide for the new school year, effective September 6, 2026.
- Routes receiving added trips: 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 23, 84, 88, 97, and 98.
 - Most of these new trips are marked with an “I,” “U,” or “S” in the Riders’ Guide — look for these letters next to the trip time.
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Wednesday, September 30, 2026): transit will run a Saturday-level schedule instead of the regular weekday schedule.
- There are also minor scheduling changes across the system — customers should check the Riders’ Guide for exact trip times before relying on a specific bus.

Bus Safety & Rider Conduct

What every student should know about riding public transit safely and courteously

- As families prepare for the upcoming school year, BC Transit encourages parents and students to visit **BusReady** to help young people travel with confidence. BusReady offers educational resources, safety information, and practical trip-planning tools that help make the journey to and from school safer, easier and more comfortable for students.
- We encourage our customers to use the Umo app, Transit App, Google Transit or any other app of their choice for real-time bus tracking and planning your next transit journey.
- The guidance below is adapted from BC Transit's official Rider Safety and Rider Etiquette guidelines.

Waiting at the Stop

- Wait on the sidewalk, right at the bus stop sign — not on the road.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the doors fully open before stepping forward.
- Never run after a moving bus, and never walk in front of it to cross the street.
- Be safe and be seen: wear light-coloured clothing or a reflective strip, especially on dark mornings.

Boarding & Exiting

- Board only at designated stops, in an orderly line.
- Listen for the alarm that signals the ramp is being deployed before stepping on.
- Keep doorways clear of people and bags so others can get on and off safely — stand behind the red or yellow line until riders have finished exiting.

On the Bus

- Always hold the handrails and stanchions, especially when the bus is moving.
- Move toward the back when the bus is crowded so you don't block the driver's view or the doorway.
- Keep your bag on your lap or by your feet — seats are for people, not backpacks.
- Keep music on headphones and conversations at a quiet volume.
- Offer courtesy seating at the front to riders who need it.
- Take your garbage with you when you leave.

If You Ever Feel Unsafe

- Create distance from the situation if you can.
- Speak to the driver right away and sit near the front.
- Call 911 if it's an emergency.
- Follow the driver's instructions until help arrives.
- If you witness an incident, leave your contact information with the driver before you get off.