

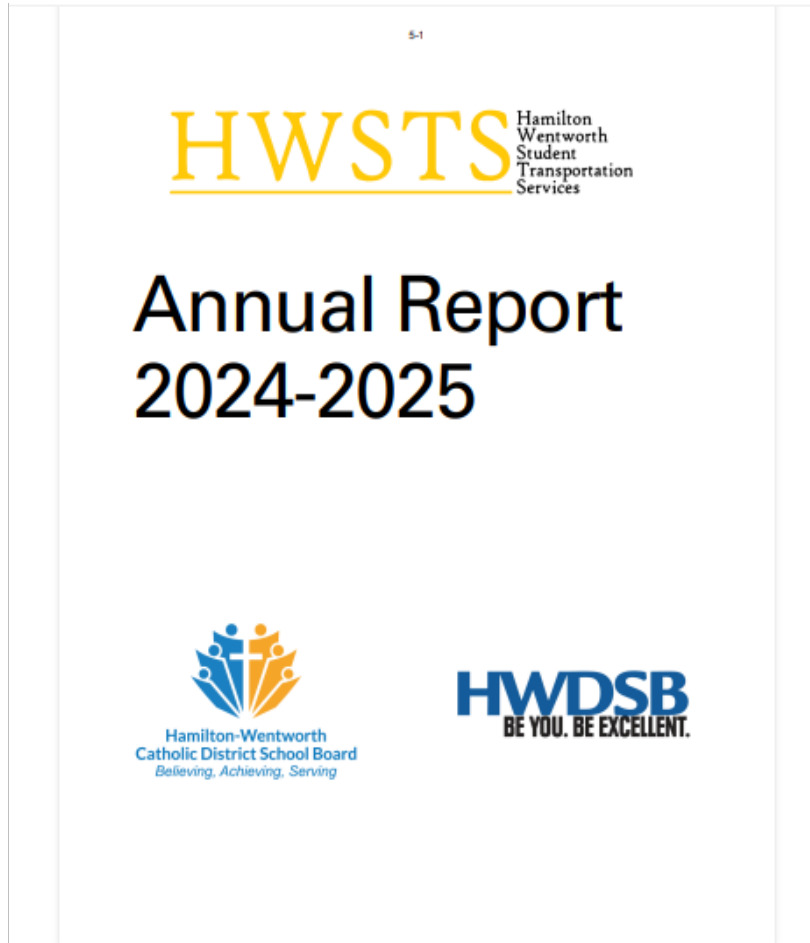
HWSTS Annual Report 2024–2025



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HWSTS and the Annual Report



HWSTS Consortium Overview

HWSTS is a jointly governed consortium managing safe and efficient student transportation for two schoolboards.

Governance Structure

Governance is provided by a committee of Board Chairs, Directors, and supported by senior staff ensuring alignment and oversight.

Annual Report Purpose

The Annual Report summarizes performance, safety, and efficiency, providing transparency and accountability to trustees.

Focus on Continuous Improvement

HWSTS emphasizes stewardship, transparency, and ongoing enhancement of complex student transportation services.

2024-2025 System Highlights and Key Achievements

Advanced Routing and Planning

BusPlanner Pro improved route efficiency by adapting to enrollment growth and minimizing travel delays.

Collaborative Operations Management

HWSTS partnered with carriers to manage driver shortages and maintain reliable student transportation services.

School Bus Tracking Pilot

Competitive RFP process and selection of a school bus tracking pilot awarded.

Enhanced Student Safety Initiatives

Safety programs include the First Rider program, safety education and driver training.



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BusPlanner
Student Transportation Platform



Operational Quick Facts and System Scale

Student Transport Scale

HWSTS transported 29,072 students across 170 schools during the 2024-2025 school year

Route and Distance Coverage

475 routes, 1995 Bus Runs which cover 39,000 kilometres daily

Multimodal Transportation

Service includes buses, specialized vehicles, taxis, and public transit

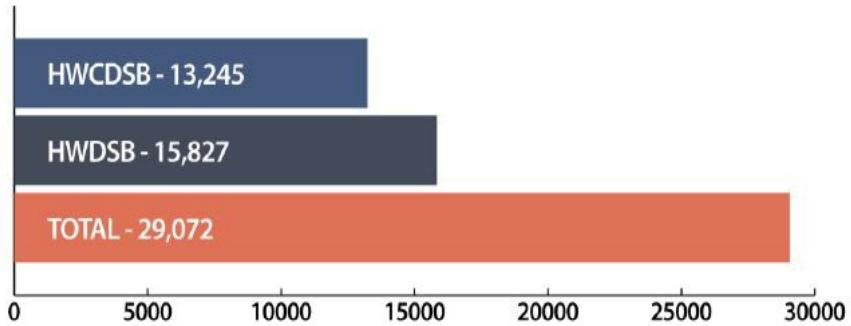
Finance

Budget of approximately \$31.439 M



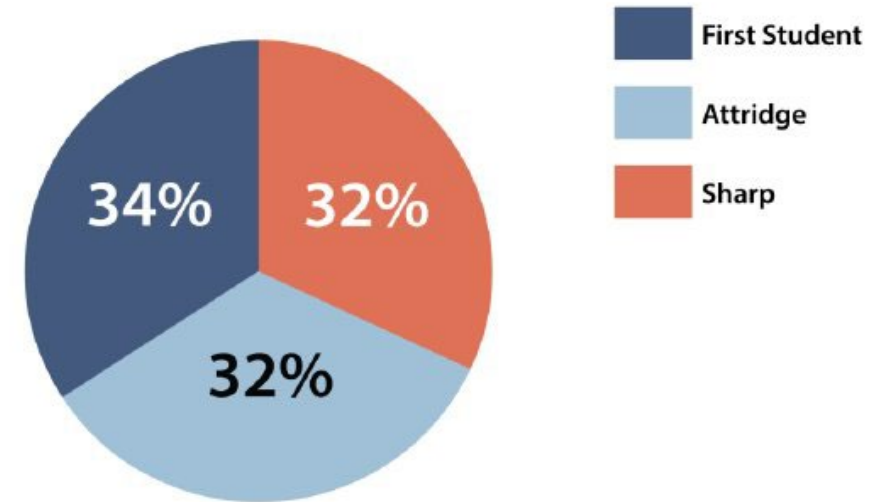
Performance Measurement and Oversight

Students by each board



Carrier Distribution

Bus Route Share By Operator

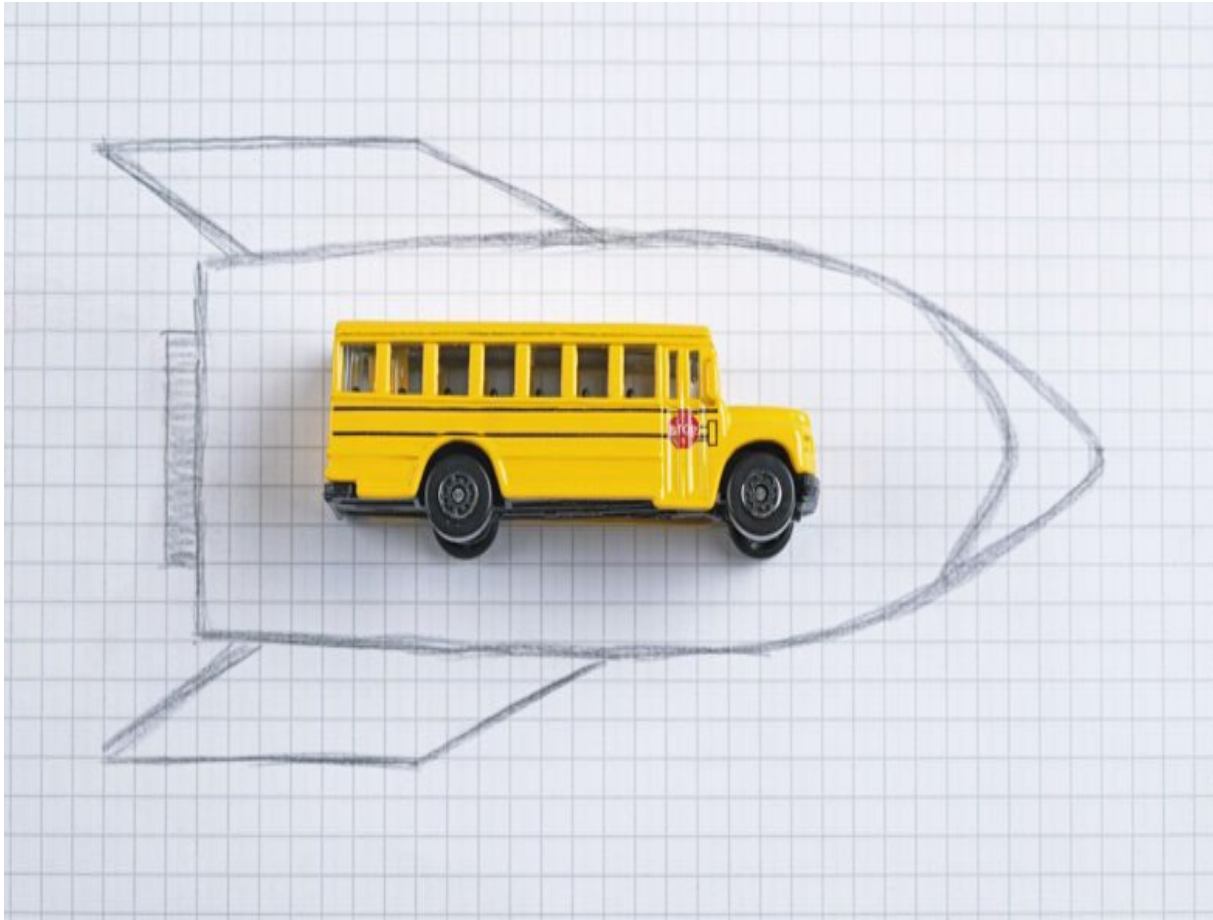


Overall Distance to School
2.26 kilometres



Overall Distance to Bus Stop
210 metres

Time and Distance Metrics for Student Transportation



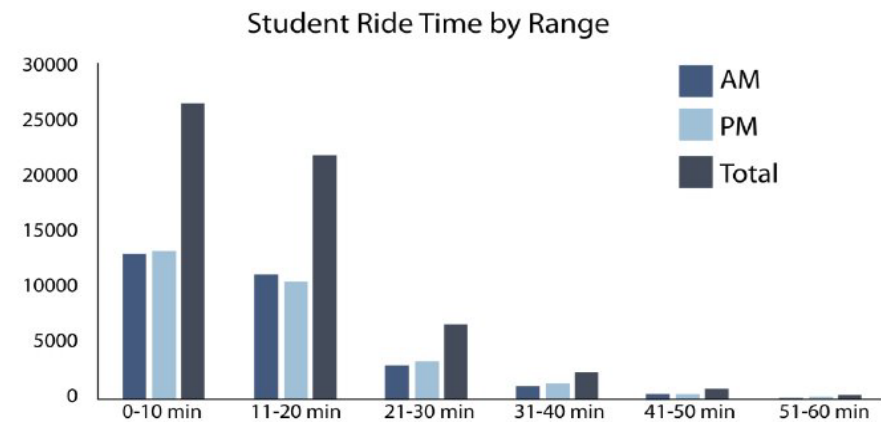
Student Travel Distances

Average home-to-school distances were 2.12km for HWDSB and 2.39 km for HWCDSB students in 2024-2025.

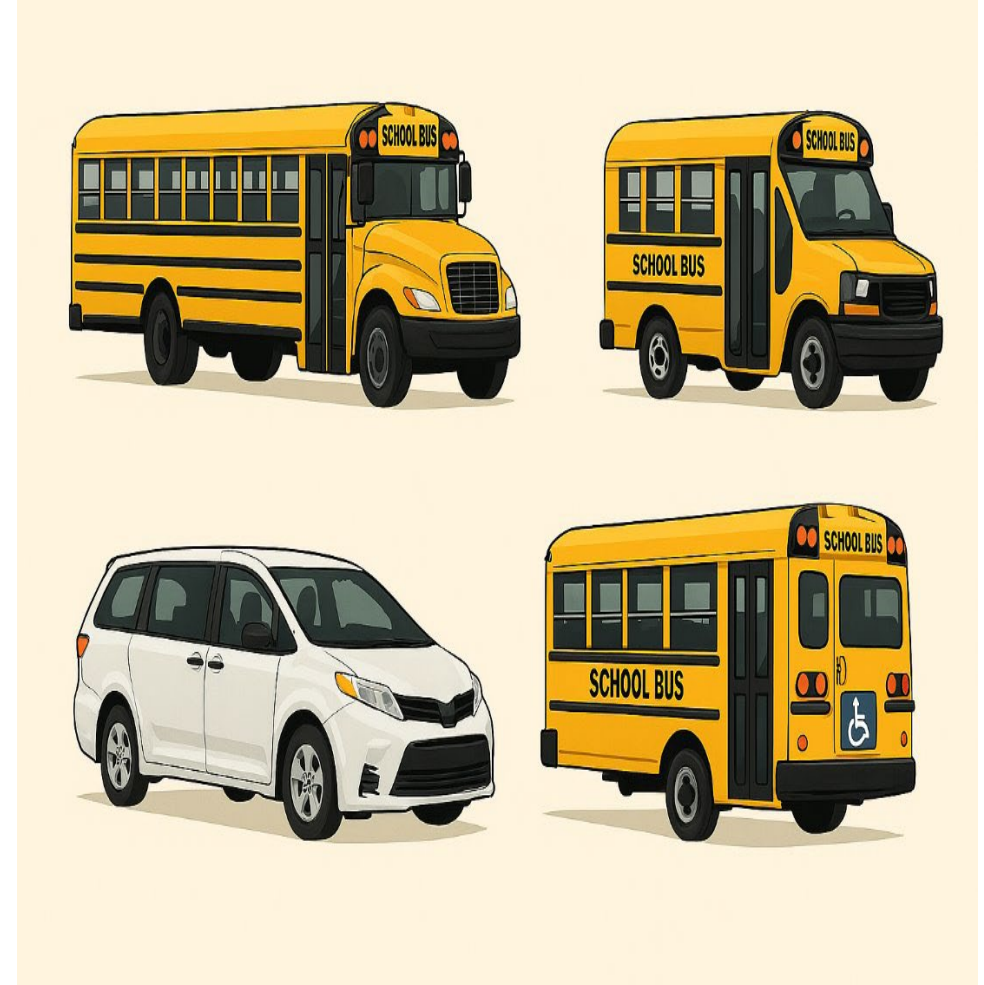
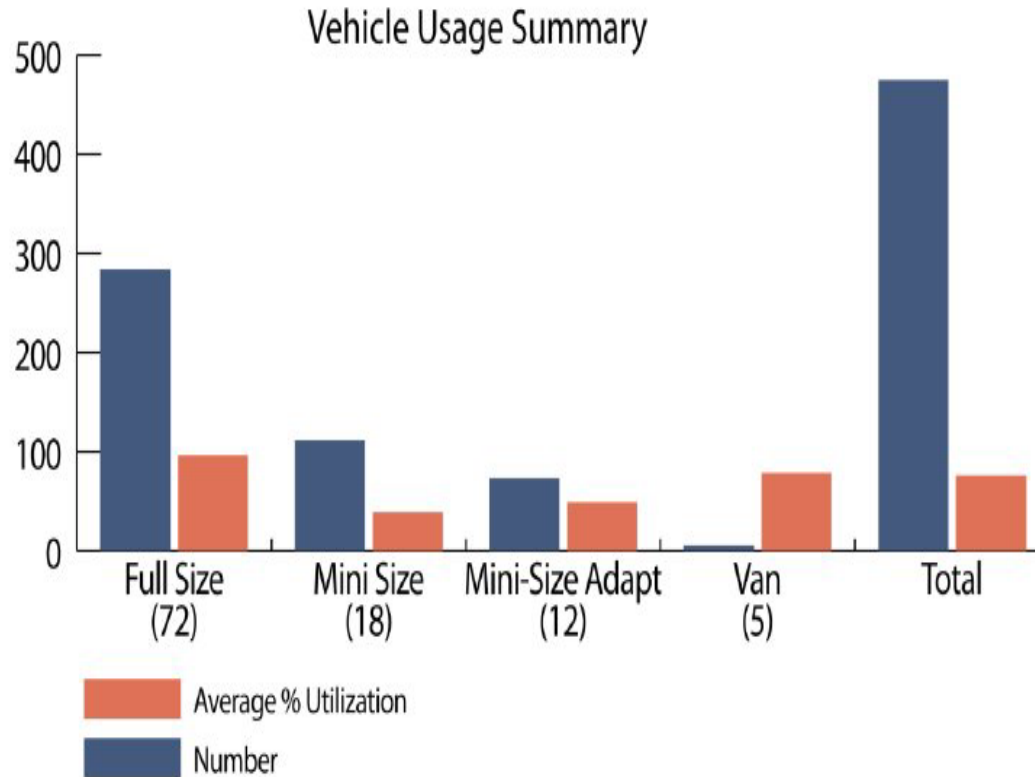
Monitoring Ride Time

Ride time is balanced with safety and efficiency, especially for students in specialized programs or remote areas while ensuring alignment with Board policies.

B). Student Ride Time (Minutes)



Vehicle Utilization and System Efficiency



Objectives and Priorities for 2025-2026

Tracking Pilot Continues

Piloting cellular technology enables automated bus updates, student ridership tracking, and parent communication tools.

Safety and Behavior Management

Focus on managing student behavior on buses and enhancing safety through digital incident reporting and safety programs.

Collaboration and Reporting

Ongoing collaboration with schools and carriers supports Ministry simulation projects and comprehensive transportation reporting.

Capacity Expansion

Hiring two additional planners strengthens transportation planning capacity and supports system modernization.