

Bus Rules and Regulations

Your bus driver is required to request students to follow this list of rules and regulations which pertain to the conduct of students while being transported on a school bus.

Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Students

1. Students shall at all times, be ready to board the bus at the designated time of pick-up. Buses are not required to wait at stops after the scheduled departure time.
2. Students shall stay off the traveled roadways at all times while waiting for the bus. When it is necessary to cross the road, students must cross three (3) metres in front of the bus under the guidance of the driver. If the student should drop something under or near the bus, the driver must be told. **Students must stay out of the danger zone and never go back or stop to pick up anything dropped.**
3. Students shall not eat or drink on the bus unless authorized by the driver.
4. The use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any type of substance abuse is not permitted on the bus or at transfer points.
5. Students shall not engage in behaviour that may be deemed to be disrespectful, vulgar, abusive and/or that which constitutes sexual harassment.
6. Students shall not stand or move about within the bus while the bus is in motion.
7. Students shall not throw or hang any object or part of their body out of the bus window.
8. The bus aisle and exits must be kept clear at all times.
9. Students are responsible for the seat assigned to them by the driver and damage to seats, etc. must be paid by the offender(s).
10. Students may talk quietly to the person beside them.
11. Students require written permission from their parents or school to disembark at other than their usual drop-off point.
12. Students are required to wear cold weather attire during the winter months.
13. Students are requested to notify the driver when an absence is expected from the bus.
14. Only the driver, students and authorized personnel may ride the bus.
15. Students may be required to walk up to .4 kilometers from their gateway to the bus stop.
16. Directions as given by the driver, must be followed.
17. The use of electronic equipment with individual headphones may be used if operated at a volume level audible only to the passenger using the device. The school bus radio/stereo system will be operated at the discretion of the school bus driver.
18. Students are expected to cooperate with the driver in keeping the bus neat and clean.
19. The school bus is considered to be an extension of the classroom and all school rules are applicable while riding the bus.

The bus driver shall be in full control of the students while loading en route, and unloading. Student misbehavior and/or willful damage will be reported to the school principal and through consultation with the bus driver, the principal may suspend a student from school bus privileges.

There will be no reimbursement to parents for driving their children to school due to their bus privileges being revoked.

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Regulations Regarding Transportation of Luggage and Equipment

Luggage and equipment will be transported on school buses subject to the following conditions:

1. Skates will be transported provided they are transported in a durable skate or sport bag. Skates when transported must be stored under the passenger’s seat.
2. Hockey sticks may, if room is available, be transported on a school bus. These items however, will be transported for school sponsored activities on a commencement of season and end of season basis.
3. Musical instruments concealed in a carrying case may be transported, if space is available.
4. Sports racquets when transported on a school bus must be stored under the passenger’s seat.
5. Other items, such as sports bags, may be transported on the school bus as long as they can be safely stored under a passenger’s seat, or on a passenger’s lap in a manner that does not cause an inconvenience or discomfort for other school bus passengers.
6. No equipment or luggage may be stored in the driver’s compartment area of the school bus, or in a manner that restricts access to the aisle or rear emergency door.

The school bus driver has a responsibility to ensure that the aisles and emergency exits of the school bus are kept clear at all times. It is also the responsibility of the school bus operator to ensure that any luggage that is carried aboard the bus is stored in such a manner that it will not move about when the bus accelerates or stops suddenly.

Items That May Not be Transported on a School Bus

- Firearms and ammunition
- Any type of explosive or inflammable liquid
- Any other large object which may interfere with the safety and/or comfort of any student on the bus
- Animals
- Skateboards
- Skis and poles
- Toboggans

Driver’s Name:	Driver’s Phone #:	Route #:
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Please read and discuss this list with your child(ren).

Questions may be directed to your driver or the Transportation Department at 939-4341.

