

## **Bus Rules and Regulations**

Sturgeon Public Schools is deeply committed to ensuring safe, reliable, and efficient transportation for our students. The responsibility for the provision of secure student transportation service is shared by our employees, school bus contractors, school bus operators, parents/guardians, and students.

It is imperative that bus operators focus their attention on the road and traffic, free from distractions behind them. We kindly request that you carefully review and discuss the following rules and regulations with your student.

## Student Responsibilities

- 1. Arrive at your designated boarding location five minutes before your departure time.
- 2. Adhere to the rules established by your assigned bus driver, as each driver sets the regulations for their respective bus route and its students.
- 3. Students are to stay off the roadway while waiting for the bus. Students must cross three meters in front of the bus when boarding under the guidance of the operator.
- 4. Ensure you are seated in your designated seat while the bus is in motion.
- 5. Keep the bus aisle and exits clear.
- 6. Do not discard objects out of the bus window or extend any objects or body parts outside of the bus window.
- 7. Ride on your assigned bus only unless prior permission has been granted by the school office.
- 8. Be responsible for your personal belongings.
- 9. Refrain from eating or having open beverage containers on the bus.
- 10. The use of cameras and/or recording devices are not permitted on the school bus. Phones, games or music devices that do not emit noise are acceptable for use when being used in a respectful manner. If a phone or electronic device is being used inappropriately, the bus operator may store the device for the remainder of the route and provide it back to the student as they are unloading the bus.
- 11. The use of tobacco, e-cigarettes, or other smoking materials is strictly prohibited on the school bus.
- 12. Take care of the seat assigned to you; any damage will be the responsibility of the offender(s).
- 13. Wear cold weather attire during the winter months to ensure comfort and safety.

Student misbehavior and/or willful damage will be reported to Transportation Services and the school administration. Student misconduct forms will be submitted when a bus operator requires support to manage student behavior on the bus. School bus service may be suspended if behavior does not improve.



## Regulations Regarding Transportation of Luggage and Equipment

Luggage and equipment may be transported on the school bus subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Skates must be transported in a durable skate or sport bag. Skates and other sports equipment transported must be stored under the passenger's seat.
- 2. Hockey sticks may be transported if room is available on the school bus. These items may be transported for school sponsored activities.
- 3. Musical instruments contained in a carrying case may be transported if space is available.
- 4. Other large items may be transported if they can be safely stored under a passenger's seat or on a passenger's lap in a manner that does not impede safety, or cause inconvenience or discomfort for other school bus passengers.

No equipment or luggage will be transported in a manner that restricts access to the aisle or rear emergency door.

## **Route Information** Driver's Name: Contact Number:

Route Number:

Any questions can be directed to your bus operator or to Transportation Services at 780-939-4341.