

RULES FOR BUS STUDENTS

- ▶ The bus driver is in charge at all times.
- ▶ Eating or drinking are not permitted on the bus.
- ▶ Students should take their seat promptly and sit properly, facing forward at all times.
- ▶ Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion and are not permitted to face backwards or sit partially in the aisle of the bus. Students are not permitted to change seats or stand while the bus is in motion.
- ▶ Students must conduct themselves in an acceptable manner at all times. Profanity, obscene gestures, horseplay, throwing objects, fighting, and boisterous or other improper conduct will not be tolerated.
- ▶ The aisle and all emergency accesses of the bus must be kept clear at all times.
- ▶ Leaving waste or other rubbish on the floor or throwing it from the windows of the bus is not permitted.
- ▶ Extending arms or head out of the bus windows is extremely dangerous and is not permitted.
- ▶ Only eligible riders will be allowed access to their assigned school bus and will disembark at their designated school or regular bus stop only. Elementary students wishing to disembark at an undesignated bus stop (i.e. play date) must have a note signed by a parent/guardian.
- ▶ Students should be at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled pick up time; the bus will not wait for those who are late.
- ▶ Students must stay in bus loading zones while waiting and will load and unload the bus in an orderly manner.
- ▶ After getting off the bus, Students are not to walk or stand near or beside the bus. Crossing the road must be done in front of the bus and when crossing, Students need to watch for vehicles not stopping for bus lights and be prepared to avoid vehicles. Students should not use cellular phones or headphones/electronic devices during the loading or unloading process. Crossing behind the bus is not permitted.
- ▶ If the bus does not arrive within 20 minutes of the scheduled time students should return home.
- ▶ Any instances of bullying or inappropriate behaviour should be reported to the bus driver.
- ▶ Damage to the bus or equipment should be reported to the driver.
- ▶ Students are not allowed to sit in the driver's seat or touch any switches or controls of the bus.
- ▶ Students may not have anything in their possession that may cause injury to anyone else on the bus.
- ▶ Student cell phone use for pictures/videos, music (unless using headphones/ear buds) lighting or any other use that may be distracting to the bus driver is not permitted on the bus. Music with inappropriate content is not permitted on the school bus.
- ▶ Masks or a face shields must be worn in accordance with the Provincial COVID-19 Health Safety Guidelines for K-12.