

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION – PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Belief

Parents or guardians share responsibility for the safe, efficient, and effective transportation of their children.

Guidelines

1. Parents / guardians shall:
 - 1.1. Be responsible for the safety and supervision of their child(ren) from the time the child(ren) leave the home in the morning until they step on the bus and in the afternoon, immediately after your child exits the bus.
 - 1.2. Ensure that their children are at the designated pick-up point 5 minutes prior to the Scheduled pick-up time;
 - 1.3. Advise the bus operator, in writing if possible, when their children will not be riding the bus to school on any particular day;
 - 1.4. Inform the school, in writing, when their children will not be riding the bus home at the end of the school day;
 - 1.5. Advise the operator, in writing, when their children are to be picked up or delivered to a location other than their home;
 - 1.6. Ensure that their children are properly dressed for the weather conditions;
 - 1.7. Ensure their children have a plan in the event that the bus does not arrive to pick them up;
 - 1.8. Provide the school with alternate drop-off or billeting information for inclement weather purposes;
 - 1.9. Accept responsibility for the proper conduct of their children prior to boarding the bus, during the daily bus trips and upon discharge;
 - 1.10. Assist the bus operator and principal in the resolution of any discipline concerns;
 - 1.11. Report any safety concerns to the bus operator, principal, or Transportation Manager;
 - 1.12. Construct and maintain a satisfactory and safe turnaround point at their own expense, in cases where no turnaround exists on their access road;

- 1.13. Advise the bus operator of any medical condition(s) that might require health/safety intervention by the operator;
 - 1.14. Be financially responsible, along with their children, for any damages that are the result of vandalism by their children.
2. The bus operator will stop to pick up all students but will not wait if students are not at the bus stop at the appointed departure time.
 3. Where a pickup is on a primary or secondary highway, operators will use discretion as to whether or not to come to a complete stop, if students are not waiting at the pick up point.
 4. The principal, after receiving notification from the child's parent of ECS to grade six students not requiring after school bus service, shall notify bus operators.

Reference: Section 51, 60, 61, School Act