

TRANSPORTATION ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PARENT / GUARDIAN

The responsibility for the safe and timely arrival of students at the School Bus Stop and the student's safe return home from the School Bus Stop **rests with the parent or guardian.**

- Students are expected to board the bus at the **approved School Bus Stop** nearest their home address.
- The parent or guardian will ensure the student arrives at the Bus Stop a minimum of five (5) minutes before the scheduled bus arrival time. **The bus driver is not obligated to wait for late arriving students.**
- Travel on the school bus is a **privilege**. Parents/guardians will encourage the student to demonstrate cooperation and courtesy on the bus.
- The parent or guardian must advise the student that inappropriate behaviour on the bus may cause a serious incident or accident, and must emphasize the importance of following the **Instructions for School Bus Passengers** (shown below). The parent or guardian may be required to meet with School Board Staff and the Bus Driver following inappropriate student behaviour on the school bus.
- Parents or guardians shall not attempt to board the school bus at an established School Bus Stop or loading or off-loading zone. **It is a Criminal Act to interfere with the normal operating procedures of a school bus.**
- **It is a Criminal Act to pass a school bus in either direction while the school bus is displaying flashing red lights.**
- The bus driver **does not have the authority** to off-load or load a student at an unapproved School Bus Stop. Where students are requesting travel on a bus other than the bus the student would normally travel on, the parent or guardian must submit a written request to the School for approval. The parent or guardian acknowledges that the student will load or off-load **at a scheduled School Bus Stop** (a stop will not be added to accommodate the request of a space available student).

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS PLAY A ROLE IN SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL BUS PASSENGERS

1. The Driver is in full charge of the school bus. Obey his/her instructions.
2. Be on time. The Bus will not wait.
3. Do not talk to the driver unless necessary.
4. Keep the seat assigned to you by the driver.
5. Do not use foul or profane language.
6. No loud or boisterous talking, yelling or, whistling.
7. Do not stand or move about while the bus is in motion.
8. Do not open windows without the driver's permission.
9. Do not put hands, arms, feet, or head out of the bus window.
10. Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
11. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
12. When the bus is in motion, keep the aisle of the bus clear at all times.
13. When it is necessary to cross the road in front of the school bus, walk 3 meters (10 ft) in front of the school bus to a point where you can see the driver; cross to the center of the highway, STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN, and cross the highway when it is safe to do so.
14. If there is no sidewalk, walk well over on the left side of the road when walking to and from the bus stop.
15. Never stand or play on the road while waiting for the bus.