



2021/22 TRANSPORTATION PROTOCOLS

As safe bus transportation plays a key role in student learning, the District is committed to providing safe and efficient transportation in a caring manner.

School bus transportation may be provided free of charge to:

- a) A primary (K-3) student residing more than 4.0 kilometers from his/her neighborhood catchment area school; or
- b) A student in grade 4-12 residing more than 4.8 kilometers from his/her neighborhood catchment area school.

Bus services are sometimes provided to students within the walk limits as a courtesy, providing there is available seating on the bus and time in the schedule. Courtesy riders may be denied bus transportation if there is overcrowding.

Students' Responsibility:

Student behaviour is a significant factor in bus safety. Traveling on a school bus is a privilege which may be suspended or revoked if a student is not observing Codes of Conduct and the following procedures:

- a) Wait for the school bus only in the area designated as a school bus loading zone and remain still until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- b) Refrain from pushing, shoving, fighting or horseplay and show respect to others.
- c) Wear adequate clothing for the weather conditions.
- d) Follow the driver's directions the first time they are given.
- e) Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself and out of aisle and inside the windows.
- f) Place loose items, such as backpacks, at your feet.
- g) Stay in your seat until the bus stops at intended destination, or unless directed to do otherwise.
- h) Talk quietly, using only appropriate language.
- i) No eating or drinking on the bus.
- j) Not bully or intimidate others.
- k) No smoke, vape, take drugs or alcohol on the bus and/or at the bus stop.
- l) Items such as skateboards, unguarded skates, hockey sticks, skis, poles, snowboards etc. are not allowed on the bus.

Parents'/Guardians' Responsibility:

- a) Determine how your child will safely travel to and from school or to and from the bus pick-up and drop-off locations.
- b) Ensure your child safely arrives at the bus stop 5 minutes before scheduled pick-up time.
- c) If your child requires adult supervision for bus drop-off, please ensure you or your designate are there 5 minutes before scheduled drop-off time.
- d) If the bus does not arrive within 15 minutes of the pick-up time, students should return home or to a site designated by the parent or guardian.
- e) Follow SD51's Communicable Disease Plan for Transportation-Busing (attached)
- f) Parents/Guardians are to read, understand, agree and have discussed with their child(ren), the terms and conditions of this agreement for riding the school bus.

The bus driver is the authority on the bus at all times.

Bus drivers are authorized to:

- Cancel a trip when, in his/her opinion, the current road conditions are unsafe and continuation of the trip presents a hazard to students on the bus;
- Drive the bus and its riders to a location where a school Principal or District-based administrator can take appropriate action if there are concerns regarding discipline, safety or other exceptional circumstances

The bus must transport students safely. Any action that may cause an unsafe condition will not be tolerated. Misbehavior will result in disciplinary steps and possible loss of bus riding privileges.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

My signature below indicates that I have read, understood, agree and have discussed with my child(ren), the terms and conditions outlined above.

_____	_____	_____
Student (1) name printed	Grade	School attending

_____	_____	_____
Student (2) name printed	Grade	School attending

_____	_____	_____
Student (3) name printed	Grade	School attending

_____	_____	_____
Student (4) name printed	Grade	School attending

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:_____



SD51 Communicable Disease Plan Transportation - Busing

School District 51 is following the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) to ensure our schools are safe places for students and staff. The guidelines are built upon the [Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools developed by the BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\)](#) to ensure schools have effective measures in place to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. School District 51's Communicable Disease Plan can be found [here](#).

Protocols specific to Student Transportation – Busing include:

- Parents/Caregivers must assess child(ren) daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, and other infectious illnesses before sending them to school. If child is sick, they cannot take the bus or go to school.
- All students in grades 4 – 12 will wear masks when they are on the bus. Mask must be put on prior to loading.
- Students in grades K – 3 are encouraged to wear masks on the bus, but are not required to do so. Mask wearing remains a personal or family/caregiver choice for these students, and their choices must be respected.
- Students will clean hands before and after taking the bus.
- Bus drivers will wear non-medical mask on buses except when driving.
- Bus drivers will clean hands often, including before and after completing trips.
- Drivers are encouraged to regularly use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol during trips.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily.