



# 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 as per District website.
- 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.

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Student(1) name printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
School attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student(2) name printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
School attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student(3) name printed

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Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
School attending

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Student(4) name printed

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Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
School attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student(5) name printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
School attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Name (Print )**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_