

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Students shall:

- use only the bus they are assigned;
- respect the authority of the driver;
- refrain from the use of profane or obscene language or discriminatory remarks;
- be at the bus stop ahead of time (10 minutes);
- stay well clear of a moving bus and wait until it comes to a full stop before approaching;
- line up in single file when boarding a bus and then move to the rear and take a seat;
- remain seated, talk quietly, and not eat or drink on the bus;
- not engage in anti-social behaviour such as spitting, littering, fighting, etc.;
- avoid shoving, pushing, etc., especially when boarding or leaving the bus;
- never place head or arms out of bus windows;
- use the emergency exits in an emergency only;
- not tamper with any bus equipment or mechanism;
- not distract the driver by conversing with him or by misbehaving;
- not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows;
- respect the no smoking rule on school buses;
- not use any alcohol or drugs;
- assume the cost of repairs for damages for which they have been deemed responsible;
- wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before leaving their seats and descend in a single file;
- walk a safe distance away from the bus, so that the driver can see them and know that they are safe;
- where applicable, always cross in front of the bus while lights are flashing and always proceed with utmost caution, in full view of the driver;
- use only assigned seat, if, for disciplinary or safety reasons, the bus driver deems this measure to be necessary;
- obey the driver's instructions at all times;

- identify themselves correctly, by name, upon the request of the driver;
- follow the rules concerning the carrying of equipment as stipulated in Section 3.7.
- not use any form of photography or video monitoring on or around the school bus.

The parents shall:

- review with their children the safety procedures and rules of conduct contained in the information provided by the Board or in the school's code of conduct;
- inform the school of any changes in personal information i.e. home address, alternate address, telephone number, etc;
- forward to the school administration all requests concerning transportation services;
- assume all costs for wilful damage done by their child to the school bus or property of others;
- be responsible for the supervision of their children at the bus stop, as well as between home and the bus stop;
- ensure that the child is at the bus stop 10 minutes before the bus is to arrive;
- have a back-up plan in the event that the child misses the bus or if the bus does not arrive.