

School Bus Safety Rules

Riding the school bus is a privilege requiring a certain level of safety and decorum. A rider's privileges may be revoked if they cannot ride safely. The following provides basic safety rules for riders and their families. Families should visit triboard.ca/about/policy for complete policy and procedure information.

RULES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- parents/guardians are responsible for their children's safety going to, coming from, and waiting at the bus stop.
- parents/guardians are not permitted on the school bus unless it is to secure or detach a student from their assigned safety equipment.
- Harassment, threats, or physical violence toward the driver/monitor will not be tolerated and may result in the student's temporary or permanent loss of transportation provisions.
- Due to the strict timing of the bus schedule, the driver does not have time for discussion at the stop. Questions/Concerns should be directed to the bus company or Tri-Board.

TRAVELLING TO/FROM AND WAITING AT THE BUS STOP

- Be at the stop 5-10 minutes before the bus arrives. Follow bus delays on triboard.ca
- Never run to or from the bus
- Wait at your designated stop in a safe place, back from the side of the road
- Do not play in ditches or on snowbanks
- Avoid the Danger Zone, which is a 10 ft bubble around the entire bus

BOARDING AND DE-BOARDING THE BUS

- Always wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and has activated its stop arm and flashing lights. If you need to cross the street, wait away from the curb for your driver to signal you across.
 - Stay 10 giant steps from the bus
 - If you do not have to cross the road when leaving the stop, wait until the bus has left the stop. Do not run alongside the bus
- Enter/exit the bus in a single file while holding the handrail. Do not shove others
- Remain in the seat until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Get on/off the bus only at your designated stop
- If everyone is getting off the bus, the people at the front leave first
- If you drop something near the bus, do not pick it up. Tell an adult

RIDING THE BUS

- Your school's code of conduct should always be obeyed on the bus
- Take your seat promptly and sit facing forward at all times.
- Place bags and backpacks on your lap. Keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Windows should only be opened with the permission of the driver. Always keep your head, hands and arms inside the bus. Throwing objects inside or outside of the bus is not permitted.
- Talk quietly; the driver needs to concentrate to safely drive the bus. Be extremely quiet when at railroad crossings so the driver can hear if a train is coming.
- Eating and drinking (this includes chewing gum) are not allowed on school buses at any time. Smoking/Vaping is not permitted on or near the bus
- Always follow the bus driver/monitor's instructions and be respectful

SCHOOL BUS RULES

The school bus is an extension of the classroom.

- 1. ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY**
- 2. Obey the bus driver's and/or monitor's instructions at all times**
- 3. Do not eat or drink on the bus**
- 4. Be courteous and respectful to all**
- 5. Remain seated while the bus is moving**

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right.
Misconduct may result in the loss of this privilege.



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FERRY & DOCK BUS RULES

Reminders for Students and Families

1. ALL SCHOOL BUS RULES APPLY
2. Once on board the bus, students are only allowed off the bus:
 - at their school or transfer site
 - at their designated stop
 - If a parent approaches the driver and asks that their child be allowed to travel with them. **NOTE: the student will not be allowed back on the bus**
3. Students are not allowed off the bus to use the washroom, eat, drink, or for any other reason.

Thank you for your cooperation



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