



BUS RULES

The safety of every student who rides the bus is very important to us! Please go over the following bus rules with your child(ren) so that they are aware of the behaviour expected of them at all times.

- ✦ The bus driver is responsible for driving students to and from school safely – students, parents and guardians are expected to treat the bus driver with respect at all times.
- ✦ Students/parents/guardians must be on time for the bus – waiting at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to pick up or drop off is advisable.
- ✦ Students are expected to:
 - follow the 3 R's of respect, responsibility and reliability at all times and towards everyone on the bus
 - Listen to the bus driver and follow his/her directions
 - remain in their seats at all times and wait the bus driver to indicate that it is safe to stand and leave the bus safely
 - Walk to, from and on the bus without pushing or shoving
 - Stand safely at the side of the road while waiting for the bus
- ✦ The following behaviours are not allowed on the bus at any time:
 - Loud talking, shouting, or inappropriate language
 - Loud and inappropriate music
 - Standing and moving around on the bus
 - Throwing of paper, garbage or other items
 - Climbing over or under the seats
 - Throwing or sticking anything out of the windows, especially hands and head
- ✦ All school property and facilities are SMOKE FREE environments. Smoking, possession of cigarettes, lighters and/or matches is not permitted.
- ✦ Electronic devices, cell phones, etc. are to be kept safely in backpacks. Failure to listen to the bus drivers directions may result in the removal of such items. The items will be handed in to the office whereby parents will be notified and asked to pick them up.
 - Taking of pictures while on the bus – student confidentiality is of utmost importance
- ✦ **Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. All incidents of bullying will be dealt with by the school principal and may result in an immediate loss of bus privileges.**



BEHAVIOUR WARNINGS & REPORTS

Verbal Warning

A verbal warning will be given by the bus driver to remind students of the appropriate bus behaviour and correct any inappropriate behaviour.

Written Warnings ~ Student Bus Behaviour Report

Students who choose to ignore the verbal warning and continue with unacceptable behaviour will receive a written warning from the bus driver. A copy of the written warning will be given to the parent/guardian follow up and discussion with the student at home. The signed copy of the written warning must be returned to the bus driver prior to boarding the bus the following day. The principal will meet with the student to review the incident.

Copies of all written warning will be kept on file at the office.

A maximum of 3 written warnings will be given to students.

Bus Suspensions

Students who continue to exhibit inappropriate or unsafe behaviour on the bus despite receiving 3 written warnings will be referred to the school principal. A meeting will be scheduled with the student and parents/guardians to discuss the situation. Depending on the severity of the behavioural infractions, a temporary or indefinite suspension of bus privileges may result.

*A reminder that, bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. All incidents of bullying will be dealt with by the school principal and may result in an immediate loss of bus privileges.



Student Bus Behaviour Report - Warning

Date: _____ AM PM Warning #: 1 2 3

Bus#: 1 2 Bus Driver's Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Parents/Guardians:

Your son/daughter has been given this bus behaviour report for the reasons provided below by the bus driver. He/she will not be permitted to ride on the bus until this memo is returned to the bus driver with your signature indicating that you are aware of the problem and there is some guarantee of the appropriate behavior expected. Should you wish to discuss this memo further, please contact the school and arrange to meet with the school principal.

Upon receiving the 3rd warning his/her privileges will be suspended and transportation to and from school will be your responsibility. A meeting will be scheduled with the student and parents/guardians to discuss the situation. Depending on the severity of the behavioural infractions, a temporary or indefinite suspension of bus privileges may result.

- _____ eating/drinking on the bus
_____ shooting/throwing objects
_____ smoking/lighting matches/lighter
_____ fighting
_____ bullying
_____ head, arms, legs out the window
_____ disrespectful
_____ unsafe behaviour at bus stop
_____ damage to bus: seat window floor camera door sign other _____
_____ will not remain in assigned seat
_____ refusing to follow instructions
_____ consistently late for the bus
_____ horseplay
_____ excessive noise
_____ profane/inappropriate language
_____ moving around
_____ electronics/cell phone

I have discussed this behaviour report with my son/daughter and reviewed the bus rules.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Bus Driver Signature

Principal Signature