



## School Bus Rules – District Expectations for Riders

### General

1. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
2. Per Motor Vehicle Act regulations, large unsecured items cannot be transported on the bus. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, musical instruments over 25 inches, sports equipment (e.g., baseball bats, hockey sticks/bags, lacrosse sticks/bags, golf clubs), glass bottles, and sharp objects. Spraying aerosol products (such as deodorants, perfumes, or hairsprays) is strictly prohibited.
3. Only registered students are permitted on the bus. Friends or unregistered riders are not allowed to accompany registered riders.
4. Students must respect school district property. Vandalism or willful damage to the bus will result in suspension of bus privileges, and the student/family will be responsible for repair costs.
5. Weapons or illegal substances are strictly prohibited on the bus. Violation of this rule will result in immediate and permanent loss of bus privileges. Bus fees will be pro-rated up to the termination date.
6. Smoking, vaping, or any use of an open flame (including e-cigarettes) is strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule may result in immediate and permanent loss of bus privileges. Bus fees will be pro-rated up to the termination date.

### Boarding and Exiting the Bus

7. Students must arrive at their designated bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pickup time and board the bus in an orderly manner.
8. Students must treat the bus stop area, surrounding property, and neighbours with respect and courtesy.
9. Hand-held devices and earbuds must not be used while getting on or off the bus to ensure awareness and safety.
10. Students must scan their district-issued transportation card when boarding and exiting the bus.

### During Transit

11. Courtesy and respect among passengers are expected. Disruptive behavior, excessive noise, or any actions that interfere with the driver's ability to operate the bus safely will not be tolerated. Throwing objects inside the bus or out of bus windows is strictly prohibited.
12. Bullying will not be tolerated. All reported incidents will be investigated. Students are encouraged to report concerns directly to the bus driver or to the school as soon as possible.
13. Students must always remain seated while the bus is in motion. Aisles must remain clear. Windows may be opened, but students must not extend their arms, heads, or objects outside the bus.

For more details, refer to the [FAQ section](#) on our website.