

Need Alternative Transportation? Please contact the school if your child requires transportation to or from a child care provider or for joint custody purposes. A Form #TCF-A007 (Transportation to/from a Child Care Provider) or Form #TCF-A008 (Transportation for Joint Custody) must be completed and approved before alternate bussing arrangements will be provided. Forms are available at the school.

Transporting of Equipment on School Buses

Back Packs/Knapsacks Place back packs and/or school bags on lap or on the floor in front of you.

Musical Instruments May be transported in cases only and shall be kept on the student's lap

Skates Blades must be suitably protected with guards and shall be tied together or in an equipment bag. The skates shall be placed on the floor of the bus at the student's feet.

Hockey Equipment, Skis, Poles, Snowboards, Skateboards, etc Sports equipment may not be transported on a regular school route. Students on specialized trips will be provided with directions for safe transportation of equipment.

Laser Pointers Not permitted on a school bus

Animals Not permitted on a school bus. (The only exception will be working dogs)

Special Equipment The Principal will use the specialized transportation form to alert the Consortium of specialized needs (e.g. walker, wheelchair, guidedogs, etc)

Science Fair Projects Should be transported to school by parents/guardians

RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

For Parents and Students

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Transportation Information for Parents and Students

General: This is a condensed version of the policies and procedures which apply to student transportation. For more detailed information refer to www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca.

The Parents: Parents are responsible for the safety and conduct of their children prior to their pick-up at the start, and after leaving the bus at the end, of the school day.

The Students: All pupils must obey the rules of conduct on school buses. Riding on a school bus is a privilege, not a right. Improper conduct may result in the suspension of this privilege. Restoration will be at the discretion of the school officials after consultation with the student and parent or guardian.

The Principal: Every pupil is responsible to the principal for this conduct on the school premises or while travelling in a school bus that is owned by or under contract to the Board.

Boarding Procedures The principal shall insure that safe boarding practices be employed at his/her school and that a teacher(s) be assigned to supervise this exercise.

Students must:

- a) stand well away from the roadway until the bus is stopped;
- b) line up in single file, and when the bus is stopped, board the bus in an orderly fashion using the handrail.

Unloading Procedures

Students must:

- a) remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop
- b) leave the bus in an orderly fashion in single file, using the handrail;
- c) if laneway is directly beside the door of the bus, continue up the lane;
- d) if it is necessary to walk towards the rear of the bus to get to their laneway, remain on the shoulder of the road in line with the door and at a safe distance from the bus (3 paces) until the bus has gone;
- e) continue along the shoulder to their driveway.

Road-Crossing Procedures

Students must:

- a) Walk 10 to 15 paces along the edge of the roadway ahead of bus and in clear view of driver, then stop.
- b) Take a good look at the front of the bus to make sure that red lights are flashing. If they are not flashing, do not attempt to cross, but stay at side of the road.
- c) If red lights are flashing, cross the first half of the roadway, to the left edge of the bus and STOP.
- d) Look left to make sure traffic behind the bus is stopped. Look right to make sure approaching traffic is stopped, or far enough to cross safely.
- e) If way is clear, cross the last half of the roadway.

Student Conduct

1. The Bus Driver is responsible for the safety of the children and must be obeyed. In case of disobedience, the driver will consult with the principal and the operator. Infractions of the rules may result in a child losing the privilege of riding the bus. In instances where this privilege is withdrawn, the Principal and the Bus Driver will consult with the parents concerned.
2. All students who ride on school buses shall adhere to the following Bus Code of Conduct:
 - Be ready five (5 minutes) early.
 - Watch for driver's signal before crossing the road.
 - Board quickly, using the handrail and go right to your seat.
 - Remain in your seat until your bus stops.
 - No eating or drinking on the bus.
 - Keep the aisle clear. Place back packs on lap or on floor in front of you.
 - Don't put anything out the window.
 - No shouting, fighting, or horseplay.
 - When leaving the bus, stay off the roadway.
 - If you must cross the road, walk ten steps in front of the bus, wait for the signal, look both ways, then cross the road.

Students who do not adhere to the bus code of conduct may have bus riding privileges removed for a specified period of time.

3. Persistent Vandalism and/or Misbehavior

Whenever on-going vandalism and/or misbehavior occurs on a school bus, and attempts by the bus operator, driver, school principal and Supervisor of Transportation fail to locate the responsible individual(s), the following procedure will be followed:

A notice on the prescribed form will be mailed to all parents/guardians of students riding the bus in question stating:

- a) an outline of the problem;
- b) a request for parental assistance in restoring order and respect for public property, along with the need for restitution;
- c) that local police assistance will be sought if the problem is not resolved.
- d) video surveillance may be initiated on the bus

Guidelines During Adverse Weather Conditions All parents/guardians are expected to check the bus cancellation website or local radio/television stations for announcements regarding cancellation of school bus services and school closures. A link to the bus cancellation website can be found at www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca