

# Student Transportation Service Consortium of Grey-Bruce

## ***Procedures***

Bluewater District School Board  
Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board

TCP-B005

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| <b>Procedure Title:</b> CODE OF CONDUCT   | <b>Approved:</b> March 29, 2010<br><b>Updates:</b> September 14, 2012     |
| Related Forms: AF6819 BWDSB Safe Schools<br>AF6413 BWDSB Transportation Privileges – Suspension<br>TCF-B005 Misconduct Report | Related Policies: BP6-43 BGCDSB Safe Schools<br>BP6820 BWDSB Safe Schools |

**Intent:** To define the Code of Conduct expected of Students on a school bus and to identify what equipment will and will not be transported on a school bus

**Stakeholders:** School, Bus Operators, Public, Transportation Consortium

**Procedure:**

Students who are granted the privilege of travelling to and from school by school bus must behave in a safe and appropriate manner while they are aboard the vehicle. Those who behave in an unsafe or inappropriate manner will lose this privilege. The Code of Conduct sets the expectations of safe and appropriate behaviour.

Students are accountable to the school principal for their behaviour while on the school bus and must obey the instructions of the bus driver, who represents the school principal. Inappropriate behaviour will be recorded on the appropriate form (Misconduct or Safe Schools) by the driver or bus operator and forwarded to the principal. The principal has the responsibility of investigating the behaviour and notifying both the bus operator and STSCGB of the outcome of the investigation.

The Code of Conduct below will be posted in each school bus.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS ON SCHOOL BUSES**

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.
- 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.

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### **TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

- **Musical Instruments** May be transported in cases only and shall be kept on the student's lap.
- **Skates** All skates transported shall have the blades suitably protected with guards and shall be tied together or be in a suitable equipment bag. The skates shall be placed on the floor of the bus at the student's feet.
- **Hockey Equipment** Hockey equipment may not be transported on a home to school bus route.  
  
On a charter basis, hockey equipment may be transported if it is stored in the storage space underneath the bus or inside, provided it does not block any exits or the aisle of the bus.
- **Skis, Poles & Snowboards** May not be transported on a home to school bus route.  
  
On a charter basis, ski equipment may be transported if it is stored in the storage space underneath the bus or inside, provided it does not block any exits or the aisle of the bus.
- **Skateboards** May not be transported on a school bus.
- **Laser Pointers** May not be transported on a school bus.
- **Animals** May not be transported on a school bus, with the exception of working animals.