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Safety Rules

Be respectful to other riders, the bus driver, people who are not on the bus, property, and yourself.

Do not invite unregistered riders to board the bus with you. Only registered riders should be on the bus.

Waiting for the Bus

1. Be at your assigned stops five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Stay off the road and in a safe place and be visible to the driver. E.g. Reflectors on backpack or jacket and or a flashlight.
3. Do not throw things in bus stop areas.
4. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door is open before stepping forward to board.

Boarding the Bus

1. Form a single file line as you walk onto the bus.
2. Respect personal space between yourself and the student ahead of you.
3. Go to your seat and sit down. Students may be assigned to a specific seat.
4. Small items may be carried onto the bus (including a musical instrument) if they will fit under the seat or in your lap. If the driver thinks, an item will block the aisle, floor space, or seat it will not be allowed on board.
5. Do not bring items that could cause harm. Examples include alcohol, animals, bikes, drugs, explosive items, glass, hockey sticks, laser pointers, lighters, matches, scooters, skateboards, skates without safety bags, skis, ski poles, strong-smelling sprays or liquids, tobacco products, and weapons (real or fake). The driver has the authority to confiscate objects of concern.

On the Bus

1. Follow the bus driver's instructions.
2. Sit facing forward with your back against the back of your seat. Keep your legs, feet, and upper body out of the aisle.
3. Put your backpack on your lap or on the floor under your seat.
4. Keep your belongings inside your backpack.
5. Use the garbage can on the bus to keep the bus clean.
6. Do not put anything outside the window. This includes your hands and head.
7. Use a quiet voice when talking to other riders.
8. Do not eat or drink on the bus.

Leaving the Bus

1. Cross at a marked street crossing or intersection where possible.
 2. If there is no marked street crossing, walk 3 meters (approx. 10 steps) in front of the bus and wait for the bus driver to instruct you to cross.
 3. Do not cross behind the bus.
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FAMILY SAFETY PLAN

Although we do our best to run our buses on time, sometimes situations arise that are beyond our control. For example, there could be a road closure, inclement weather conditions or a mechanical issue. It is a good idea for parents to have an alternate plan for their children to follow if the bus does not arrive as scheduled.

An example of a Family Safety Plan would be:

1. Wait 20 minutes.
 2. Return home or go to another place agreed to ahead of time such as a neighbor's house.
 3. Phone your local Transportation office for assistance.
 1. 250.567.9618
 2. 250.996.7835
 3. 250.699.6995
 4. 250.692.3130
 4. Await further instructions. It helps to plan ahead!
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FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS

Under Section 149 of the Motor Vehicle Act, all motorists traveling in both directions are required to stop when a school bus has its stop sign extended and safety lights flashing.

149 The driver of a vehicle on a highway, on meeting or overtaking a school bus

- (a) that is designated as a school bus,
- (b) that is stopped on a highway, and
- (c) on or near which a sign or signal is displayed indicating the school bus is receiving or discharging school children, must stop the vehicle before reaching the bus and not proceed until the bus resumes motion or the driver of the bus signals to other drivers that it is safe to proceed.

Failure to comply with the law endangers the lives of students and may result in a fine of \$368.00