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## Policy Statement

Students accessing transportation which is funded by the School Board are responsible for using the service safely and responsibly and will recognize that transportation is a privilege which can be revoked if not used responsibly.

## Procedure

Students must:

- Understand that the school bus is an extension of the classroom and student discipline falls under the responsibility of the principal, therefore, students are required to demonstrate the same conduct on the school bus as in the classroom;
- Recognize that student transportation is a privilege, not a right, which can be suspended or revoked if expectations are not met;
- Be aware that oversized musical instruments and/or sporting equipment may not be permitted for safety reasons and make arrangements with your parents/guardians for transportation for those days;
- Respect that the bus driver is in charge of the vehicle and the passengers. Listen to his or her instructions, especially during an emergency;
- Be at the bus stop 5-10 minutes before pick-up time and be ready to get on the bus promptly at the end of the school day as the bus can not wait for late-comers;
- Be a safe pedestrian. Walk on the sidewalk where available, cross the street at appropriate places and look both ways before crossing;
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the doors to open completely before boarding in single file;
- Not touch safety equipment or emergency exits unless it is an emergency;
- Keep hands, arms, feet, head and belongings inside the vehicle at all times, remain seated for the whole ride and until the bus comes to a complete stop;
- Refrain from inappropriate behaviour on the bus (for example, no throwing things, spitting, swearing, fighting, bullying or roughhousing);
- Respect private properties when waiting for the bus;
- Do not bring alcohol, drugs or weapons onto the school bus;
- Learn the name of the bus company and route number.