



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

## SD #10 (Arrow Lakes) District Protocol

### Student Conduct While Riding a School Bus

#### Overview:

School busses are an extension of the school. Students travelling on school busses are under the jurisdiction of their Principal and are subject to the Code of Conduct of their school.

#### Student Conduct on School Busses

1. Students are required to adhere to the following rules and procedures:
  - a. Remain in the area designed as a bus loading zone.
  - b. Board or disembark a bus in a timely manner.
  - c. Remain seated in a seat assigned or assumed from the time they board a bus until the time they arrive at the destination.
  - d. Refrain from putting their heads or arms out of windows.
  - e. Be courteous to the other passengers.
  - f. Maintain a noise level acceptable to the bus driver.
  - g. Refrain from talking to the bus driver while the bus is in motion.
  - h. Do everything possible to keep the bus clean, tidy and neat.
  - i. No smoking or vaping on a school bus.
  - j. No eating or drinking on a school bus without the driver's permission.
  - k. Abide by instructions given by the bus driver.

#### Procedures

2. Principals are responsible for behaviour of all students transported on school buses.
3. Rules and regulations concerning safety and conduct are to be made known to the students.
4. Bus drivers are responsible for the maintenance of order on the bus, but shall report all cases requiring disciplinary action to the Manager of Operations and Transportation, and School Principal on a form provided to the bus drivers for such purpose.
5. In spite of a teacher's presence on the bus, it shall be the driver of the bus who ultimately shall determine appropriate student behaviour which allows for safe operation of the bus.
6. Parents shall be advised by the School Principal of all cases of misbehaviour reported by the bus driver to the Principal. A file shall be kept of such letters and reports, which file will be open to inspection by the Superintendent.
7. At their discretion, School Principals shall have the authority to suspend, for repeated misbehaviour for a stated period, the privilege to ride on the buses. Where such action is taken, notification to parents shall be in writing, and a copy sent to the Manager of Operations and Transportation and Director of Learning.
8. Privilege of transportation shall be restored to students suspended only upon reassurance to the Principal of conforming to bus regulations.
9. Indefinite suspensions shall be authorized only by the Superintendent of Schools.
10. Prior to restoration of riding privileges, a student whose riding privileges are suspended shall be required to meet with the Principal and, if necessary, with the Director of

Learning or his/her designate to determine the terms and conditions of restoring the privileges.

a. The student must be accompanied by the parents or legal guardian.

11. Students will be held responsible for willful damage to the school bus.