

THE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON SCHOOL BUSES

Behaviour	Examples of how to meet the Code
<p>Respect other people and property.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the bus driver's directions without argument. • Treat other people and their possessions with respect. • Do not interfere with bus property, equipment, shelters and signs by marking or damaging them in any way.
<p>Wait for the bus in an orderly manner.</p>	<p>In order to assure own safety and the safety of others, students must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait well back from the bus until it stops and allow other passengers to leave the bus first. • Stand quietly without calling out or shouting. • Do not push other people in the line. • Do not interfere with property or traffic while waiting
<p>While on the bus, conduct yourself in an orderly manner.</p>	<p>In order to assure own safety and the safety of others, students must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • always follow instructions from the driver about safety on the bus. • show their bus pass, ticket and ID upon request. • sit properly on a seat if one is available (in an allocated seat if directed by the driver) and wear seat belt (if applicable). • if standing, remain in the area designated by the driver. • store school bags under the seat or in appropriate luggage areas. • speak quietly and not create unnecessary noise. <p>Students must not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bully other students. • place feet on the seats. • fight, spit or use offensive language. • throw any article around or from the bus. • consume food or drink, or play music without permission of the driver. • smoke (prohibited on all buses). • allow any portion of their body to protrude out of the bus window. • stand forward of the front seat.
<p>Use designated stops and routes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the responsibility of students to use their designated route and to disembark at their correct designated stop.
<p>When alighting from the bus, do so in an orderly manner.</p>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait until the bus stops before standing to get off. • Alight from the bus in a quiet and orderly fashion. • <i>Never cross the road in front of the bus</i>, wait until the bus has moved away and it is safe to do so. • Use crossings or traffic lights if available
<p>In case of an emergency or a breakdown, follow the driver's directions.</p>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait until the bus stops before standing to get off. • Leave the bus in a quiet and orderly fashion. • Wait in the area indicated by the driver.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct

To promote consistency in responding to breaches of the Code of Conduct, behaviour problems have been divided into four categories.

(1) Nuisance and Offensive Behaviour

This includes behaviours which may be irritating, unpleasant but not physically dangerous behaviours.

- failing to show a bus pass where required
- eating on the bus (unless for medical reasons or with the permission of the driver)
- spitting
- using offensive language

(2) Dangerous Behaviour

This category includes behaviours where there may be some physical danger to individuals.

- distracting the driver by persistent noise
- allowing any part of their body to protrude from the bus
- grabbing trees through the windows
- harassing and bullying other passengers
- stopping others from disembarking at their stop
- verbally threatening the driver
- standing on steps
- pressing the stop button continually
- swinging on bus handrails

(3) Very Destructive and Dangerous Behaviour

This category includes behaviours which are very dangerous to individuals, or very destructive.

- throwing objects that have the potential to cause harm or damage
- fighting
- marking or damaging bus property (breaking windows, slashing seats, etc.)
- repeated occurrences of dangerous behaviour

(4) Highly Dangerous Life Threatening Behaviour

This includes highly dangerous behaviours.

- physically attacking the driver or other passengers
- pushing students out through the doors or windows
- lighting a fire on the bus
- interfering with the safe mechanical operation of the bus
- threatening physical harm with a dangerous weapon

Should parents have any question about decisions taken by an operator, in responding to breaches of the Code of Conduct, they should take the matter to Bus Coordinator and/or Principal.

If a parent remains dissatisfied with the operator's decision they may contact the Regional Office on 83914705