



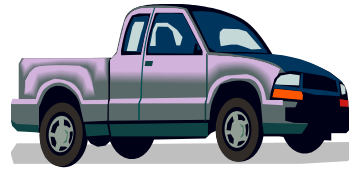
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY



Keeping our Students Safe

Safety is a priority for the Western School District. We ask parents/guardians, students, bus drivers, and the public to take care and caution, especially when driving in school zones.

MOTORISTS



Please Slow Down in School Zones

Motorists are asked to slow down and drive with extreme caution in school zones. Children may not see you, so please watch carefully for them. Please note that fines for speeding in school zones range from \$100 to \$1500.

Red Lights Flashing Means **STOP!**

Always stop for a bus when the red lights are flashing and the front arm is extended. It is an offense under the *Highway Traffic Act* to pass a school bus while it is stopped with its' red lights flashing.

Please remain a minimum of 5 metres away from the bus to allow students to safely enter/exit the bus.

School Drop off/Pick Up

When dropping off/picking up a student at school, please follow the school's protocols.

School Bus and Vehicle Idling Policy

The Western School District has implemented an *Idle Free School Zone* policy in efforts to reduce student/staff exposure to potentially harmful fumes. Please ensure you turn off your vehicle when waiting outside school for your child.

STUDENTS



At the Bus Stop...

Arrive ten minutes before your bus is scheduled to depart for school. Depending on road conditions, traffic flow, etc. your bus may be a little early or a little late.

Stand back from the road and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before moving towards the roadway to enter the bus.

Do not push or shove other students at the bus stop. While this behaviour is not acceptable at any time, it is especially important to not engage in this behaviour when someone could fall under or near a bus.

When exiting the bus, if you have to cross the road, wait for the bus driver to indicate it is safe to cross the road and always cross in front of the bus.

Keep a safe distance around the school bus at all times.

Behaviour on the Bus...

Always enter and exit the bus in an orderly fashion and remain seated during the bus ride.

Please behave in a courteous manner and follow the rules of your school for acceptable behaviour. Behave on the bus as you are expected to behave in your classroom.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS



Bus Departure and Arrival

Parents/guardians should check radio announcements to obtain information about school closures and bus delays. Radio stations are normally notified by 7:00 AM of any closures or delayed openings and updated by 11:00 AM.

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child/ren arrive at the bus stop on time and for supervising young children until the bus arrives.

Students need to be dressed appropriately for the weather when walking to the bus stop.

Dressing for Safety

Students should avoid wearing drawstrings and loose objects on clothing or back packs. Such items may pose safety risks if they hook or get caught in things.

ELIGIBILITY FOR BUSSING

Provincial Distance Standards

Students who reside within 1.6 km of the school they attend are normally not eligible for bussing services unless they are approved for special needs transportation.



Courtesy Riding

Students who reside within 1.6 km of their school may apply at their local school for courtesy riding if there are vacant bus seats available. Approved students will have to walk to the nearest approved bus stop outside of 1.6 km to board the bus. Applications are available at all schools.

BUS ROUTES

Please contact your child's school for details on bus routes for specific schools. Students residing on streets that do not have a designated bus stop will take the bus that stops nearest to their home. Bus route information is available at all schools.

Thank you for Driving Safely

For more detailed information on student transportation please contact your local school

or

the Manager of Student Transportation with the Western School District at 637-4620.

Please visit our website at

www.wnlsd.ca