

## **Code of Conduct for School Bus Riders**

### **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe**

The school bus is an extension of the school and as such the Code of Conduct for the District is in effect at all times. It is the responsibility of every person using the District bus services to ensure that each bus trip is a safe and pleasant experience for all passengers and the driver. It is expected that every person using the bus will demonstrate a concern for safety and respect for their fellow passengers and their bus by observing the Code of Conduct as well as the following expectations on all regular routes, extra-curricular and sports trips.

- ❖ The student is to be ready to board the bus at the appointed pick-up time, both before and after school. Have your bus pass ready to scan.
- ❖ When exiting the bus, always cross the street IN FRONT of the stopped bus.
- ❖ Students are to show respect to the driver and understand that the bus driver is in charge at all times while on the bus.
- ❖ The bus driver has the right to assign seating.
- ❖ Students must observe instructions given by the bus driver when they are boarding, riding or leaving the bus.
- ❖ Students must stay in their seats while the bus is in motion. No seat hopping.
- ❖ Bullying will not be tolerated. Incidents will be reported and investigated. Students are encouraged to report incidents to the driver.
- ❖ Profanity is not permitted. Talk quietly.
- ❖ No part of the body is to protrude out of an open window.
- ❖ Use of alcohol or non-medical drugs is prohibited.
- ❖ No smoking or vaping allowed on the bus. Sharp objects, including glass bottles, weapons and illegal substances are prohibited on the bus.
- ❖ No eating or drinking allowed on the bus



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- ❖ Keep aisles clear at all times
- ❖ Rules apply to students, teachers and all other passengers on the school bus.
- ❖ Respect for property is expected. Vandalism or willful damage to a bus will be investigated and may result in discipline up to and including bus suspension.
- ❖ Courtesy and respect among passengers is expected. Disruptive behaviour, excessive noise, and throwing of objects disturb the safe operation of the bus and will not be tolerated.

**ANY CONDUCT OF A SERIOUS NATURE (i.e. BULLYING, FIGHTING, ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, DEFIANCE OF SAFETY RULES) WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINE THAT MAY INCLUDE SUSPENSION OF BUS PRIVILEGES**

**Please Note:** Students in Grades K-3 must be met at the Bus Stop by an adult or older sibling. Please send an email to [Transportation@saanichschools.ca](mailto:Transportation@saanichschools.ca) if you give your approval for your child to walk home unescorted.