

Coast Mountains School District 82

Safety & Behaviour on School Buses

1. School buses are an extension of the school and students will be responsible to their school principal for discipline as if they were in the school building.
2. The bus driver is in charge of the school bus at all times. Students must follow all instructions given by the driver. Misbehavior on the bus may be reported to the principal through conduct notice, and such misbehaviour could result in suspension of riding privileges.
3. Students must always act in an orderly manner to provide a safe environment for all.
4. The following rules will be strictly followed:
 - Remain in seats while the bus is in motion and comes to a complete stop.
 - Students shall take assigned seats if asked to do so.
 - Talking amongst students must not cause undue noise to others and the driver.
 - No consumption of any food or drink is permitted.
 - Students are not to put body parts or any objects out of the window.
 - Students are to refrain from throwing articles around the bus and must not drop or leave garbage on the bus.
 - No lighters, matches, ignition devices, smoking or vaping while on the bus or at a designated stop.
 - Profanity will not be permitted and is subject to discipline.
 - Fighting, rough play or harassment on the bus or at a designated stop is not permitted.
 - The school bus is a scent free area.
5. Students are expected to line up and board or disembark in an orderly way. Pushing and shoving is not permitted.
6. Students will be picked up or let off at designated school bus stops only.
7. In the event of any intentional act that destroys or damages the school bus, the student and parents are jointly responsible for making restitution to the bus contractor. Students may be suspended from the bus until restitution has been made.
8. Students will be assigned one bus route and one bus stop location only. Students are not to board any other bus unless permission is given prior to boarding in the form of a temporary pass.
9. Bus Drivers will not remove any student at any point other than their school or home stop. The driver may, however, refuse to allow a non-registered student to board the bus at a school.
10. Students suspended from the bus are still expected to attend school.
11. Students suspended from school will not be permitted to use the bus until the suspension is lifted.
12. Student Transportation Cards must be presented every time when entering or exiting the bus.
13. The following items are strictly prohibited:
 - Unprotected ice skates
 - Sport sticks (hockey, lacrosse etc.) and / or baseball bats
 - Snowboards, Skis, toboggans or skateboards
 - Large scooters (small scooters in a bag that fits on the student's lap is permitted)
 - Knives, spears, axes, hatchets or anything else appearing to be a weapon
 - Laser pointers
 - Large musical instruments or school projects that do not fit on the student's lap (must not extend into the aisle)