



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

STUDENT Checklist

- **Practice taking three (3) giant steps away from the bus**
- **Practice looking LEFT, RIGHT and LEFT again** before crossing all intersections and driveways
- **Never pick up anything near or under the bus** without asking the driver
- **Never run towards or along a moving bus**
- **Arrive at designated bus stop five (5) minutes prior to pick up time**
- **Make sure you can easily be seen** by wearing bright coloured clothing

PARENT Checklist

- Remind your child of Bus Safety Rules
- Review pick-up and drop-off times annually
- If your child is under twelve (12) or cannot be dropped off alone, meet them at the bus stop
- Contact the Transportation Department in advance for any special requests (large items, musical instruments, etc...)

REMINDERS

Parent Contact Info. & Automated Messages

- Bus related notifications will be sent by email and text message
- Please contact your child's school to ensure your contact information is accurate and up to date

Winter Weather

- Individual bus routes may be cancelled due to weather or unsafe driving conditions
- Notification related to route cancellations will be sent by automated message by 6:30 AM

Other

- Students will be picked up and dropped off at the same location daily (**alternate drop-off arrangements are not possible**)
- In the event of a sudden emergency, you must contact the school prior to 2:00 PM to arrange for your child to be picked up at the school
- All buses are equipped with cameras both inside and outside for driver and student safety

EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL BUS RIDERSHIP



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BUS RIDERSHIP

Getting On the Bus

- Be at your designated bus stop five (5) minutes prior to pick up time wearing weather appropriate clothing (delays in boarding can result in extended ride times for other students)
- Students must stand three (3) metres away from the street until the bus has come to a complete stop and the doors are opened
- Line up single file and board in an orderly manner using the handrail, without crowding or pushing
- Never run to or from the bus

Riding On the Bus

- Student must sit in assigned seat, facing forward at all times
- Keep the aisle clear
- Hold backpacks in your lap
- Do not throw things on the bus
- Eating or drinking on the bus is **not permitted**
- Talk quietly
- Don't play loud music (use headphones)
- Alcohol, drugs, vaping or any tobacco products and the use of lighters or matches are **not permitted**
- Windows may only be opened with the driver's permission (never stick any part of your body out of the window)
- No smoking or vaping on the bus
- Do not tamper with bus equipment
- Help keep the bus clean

Getting Off the Bus

- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Depart the bus in orderly manner without crowding or pushing
- Hold the handrail
- When arriving at your stop, walk away from the bus using ten (10) giant steps

Crossing the Street After Getting Off the Bus

- Use ten (10) giant steps to take you out of the DANGER ZONES at the front of the bus
- Be sure that you can see the driver and the driver can see you
- Watch for the driver's signal that it is safe to cross
- Stop when you reach the edge of the bus and look both ways before you cross
- If you drop anything in the DANGER ZONE, leave it (NEVER STOP TO PICK IT UP)

Bus Evacuations

- **Practice** emergency bus evacuation drills shall be held at least twice yearly, once in the fall term and once in the spring term, in accordance with Regulation 465/88

