



School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

Transportation Department

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Code of Conduct for School Bus Riders

“Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe”

The school bus is an extension of school and as such the Code of Conduct for the District and home school is in affect 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 driver. It is expected that every person using the bus will demonstrate a concern for the safety and respect for their fellow passengers and bus by observing the Code of Conduct as well as the following expectations on all regular routes, extra-curricular and sports trips.

1. Riders shall arrive at least 5 minutes before bus departure time. Riders are to line up in an orderly manner a safe distance from the bus stop.
2. Riders must remain seated and orderly at all times. Seats maybe reassigned at the discretion of the driver.
3. Eating and drinking shall be allowed at the discretion of the driver.
4. If riders need to cross the road to get to, or from their bus stop they shall do so 3 meters out from the front of the bus, only crossing when the driver has given them the signal. Crossing behind the bus is very dangerous, and not permitted.
5. Small carry on items contained in an appropriate fashion and that can easily be accommodated on the lap of the rider may be taken on the school bus that:
 - are completely housed or contained in an approved case/container (case, backpack, bag),
 - that will not impede the safe use of the seat with a fellow student,
 - when held, are lower than the seat in front of them,
6. Lighting matches or lighters, smoking or using electronic smoking devices, inappropriate behaviour, disrespect, and/or use of swearing/inappropriate language is strictly prohibited.
7. The consumption or transportation of alcohol, drugs/narcotics, or any illegal substances is strictly prohibited.
8. Students must provide their Principal and/or Bus Driver written permission from their parent or guardian to ride the bus that they are not registered to, or to disembark at a stop other than their normal location.
9. Students shall abide by the same Code of Conduct as they would be expected at their schools. As the bus is an extension of the school, school principal has the authority to discipline any student who misbehaves both to and from school. This includes at or near a bus stop.
10. Students will be held responsible for willful damage to the school bus.

***NOTE:** Each bus driver has complete authority over his/her school bus. Principal & Vice Principals at each school recognize and support the driver’s authority over all passengers. Parents and guardians shall be advised of all cases of reported misbehaviour. The Principal may suspend riding privileges or initiate other disciplinary measures. Rights of appeal are available to parents, guardians and students when a disciplinary action is initiated.

Parent/Guardian, Student Declaration

I have read the **Code of Conduct** for riding the school bus, and agree to abide by the rules stated.

Student(s) Signature _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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Student / Family Bus Registration (1 per Family)

	<u>Student Name(s)</u>	<u>School Attending</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Age</u>
1)	_____	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____	_____
5)	_____	_____	_____	_____

Home Address _____ Apart/Unit# _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Phone Number(s) Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

Emergency Contact, Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone # _____

1) Parent/Guardian(s) Name _____ Phone # _____ Cell # _____

2) Parent/Guardian(s) Name _____ Phone # _____ Cell # _____

3) Name/Relationship _____ Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Medical Alerts _____

DRIVER AND OFFICE USE ONLY

Bus Driver(s) _____ / Transfer _____

Bus(s) Number # _____ / Transfer _____

(AM) Bus Stop Number/Location # _____

(AM) Bus Transfer Stop Number # _____

(PM) Bus Stop Number/Location # _____

(PM) Bus Transfer Stop Number # _____