



HALTON STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES/ SERVICE DE TRANSPORT DES ELEVES HALTON

Parents/Guardians

Pursuant to The Education Act, school boards may provide transportation to their students. Transportation is a privilege not a right. School bus rules and regulations are set to maintain a safe and reliable mode of transportation. Failure to abide by the rules will result in the loss of transportation privileges.

Please review with your children the rules of riding a school bus. Encourage them to help the driver keep his/her attention on the driving task. Children can do this by behaving themselves, being as quiet as possible and remaining seated, facing the front, until it is time to leave the bus. Also note that video cameras may be installed on your child's school bus to assist with student safety. Please sign that you have reviewed the rules and regulations with your child and return this to the school or confirm you will not require transportation services for the 2009-10 school year.

Let's all work together to keep our children safe on the school bus to and from school!

Bus regulations and rules

Pupils are responsible to the Principal for their conduct on the bus and must obey instructions from the driver who acts on behalf of the Principal.

Students will:

- Not get on a bus if they are not eligible for transportation (i.e. no friends/classmates).
- Be at the bus stop at least 5-10 minutes in advance of the scheduled pick-up time. If a student misses the bus, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure their children's safe arrival at school.
- Refrain from talking to the bus driver except in cases of emergency.
- Refrain from loud and boisterous talking and use of abusive or profane language.
- Refrain from hitting or fighting.
- Refrain from eating, drinking or littering on the bus. Eating and drinking on the bus can cause potential safety concerns for students who have severe food allergies which can lead to anaphylactic shock and can also cause choking hazards.
- Remain seated at all times. Sit straight in the seat with your back to the back and legs in front, facing forward. Proper seating is of utmost importance. School bus seats are designed to form a "compartment" for students if there would ever be an accident with the bus. **Students who do not sit properly in the seats can be seriously injured in the case of an accident.**

- Keep aisles of the bus clear. This is of utmost importance should students ever have to evacuate a bus or if a driver must tend to a student emergency towards the back of the bus. It is also a tripping hazard for students embarking or disembarking the bus.
- Keep hands, legs, and heads inside the bus.
- Do not open the windows unless asked to do so by the driver.
- Keep backpacks on their lap.
- Bring skates on the bus only if equipped with protective guards and carried in a bag.
- Do not bring oversized backpacks, bulky, dangerous or objectionable items (animals, skateboards, skis, etc....) on the bus.
- Follow recommended procedures when crossing the roadway, and loading and unloading the bus.
- Where applicable cooperate with bus patrols whose duties are assigned by the principal and bus driver.
- Be financially responsible for any willful damage to the bus.
- Not throw anything at anyone at anytime on or off the bus.
- Be aware that misconduct may result in loss of riding privileges.
- Only take their designated bus at their designated bus stop.

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BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS/TRANSPORTATION CONFIRMATION

Student Name (please print)_____

School_____

Grade_____

I have reviewed the rules and regulations of school bus transportation with my child

My child will not require board provided transportation services (2009-10)

Parent's signature:_____