

SAFETY AND BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL BUSES

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Central Okanagan Public Schools SD23 provides school bus transportation service to students on the terms set out below. By checking the boxes below, you are agreeing to these terms and conditions, and to the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information as described.

Please read the following:

Passenger Requirements during COVID:

1. Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. If a child has any symptoms, they must not take the bus or go to school.
2. Masks are mandatory and must be worn by middle and secondary students when they are loading, unloading and riding on the bus. Middle and Secondary School students will be denied service if they are not wearing or are not willing to wear a mask.
3. Parents will be responsible for their child's safety to and from the bus stop. Ensure your child understands the social distancing rules while waiting at the bus stop.
4. Students will wash their hands before they leave home to meet the bus, before they leave school prior to boarding the bus, and when they arrive home.
5. All students will have assigned seats on the school bus. They may not switch or move seats unless directed by the driver to do so.
6. Only registered riders will be permitted on the school bus, no guest passengers are permitted to ride.
7. Food or beverages will not be permitted while riding on the school bus (except a water bottle). Lunch and snacks must remain in the students backpack or lunch kit.
8. Loading and Unloading Procedures - Students typically on-load and off-load to support buses being loaded from back to front and off-loaded from front to back.

School Bus Safety Information and Bus Rider Rules

Bus Rider Rules:

1. Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before scheduled pickup time.
2. Passengers must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
3. Always sit facing forward with your feet in front of you.
4. Do not put arms, hands or head out the window.
5. Do not throw garbage/objects on the floor or out the window.
6. Loud or noisy behavior is prohibited, as this is distracting to the Bus Driver.
7. The aisle of the bus must be kept clear at all times.
8. Possession/use of drugs, tobacco, vape pens or alcohol, on the school bus is prohibited.

9. Guest riders must obtain approval to ride from the bus driver and provide written permission from the parent.
10. Parent permission is required before a passenger may be dropped off at an alternate stop.
11. Musical Instruments may be permitted on the school bus provided the student can hold the instrument in their lap or store it under the seat. Please check with your bus driver before bringing band instruments onto the school bus.

Articles NOT Permitted on the School Bus

Skis & poles, Snowboards, Skateboards, Hockey Sticks, Animals or Pets, Firearms, Explosives, Combustible or anything of a dangerous nature that might endanger the lives or safety of others.

The School Bus Driver is responsible for passenger safety, please respect and follow the bus rider rules at all times.