



East of Thunder Bay
Transportation Consortium

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Transportation - Responsibilities	Date Feb 7 th , 2012	Revised
Policy	<p>Students who are granted the privilege of school transportation shall behave in a safe and appropriate manner while they are aboard the vehicle. Students who behave in an unsafe or inappropriate manner will lose this privilege.</p> <p>School principals are responsible for students' behavior, as stated in Regulation 298, 23 (4c) while on the school bus. Students shall obey the instructions of the bus driver, who represents the school principal.</p>	
Operational Procedure	<p>Riding on a school bus is a privilege, not a right.</p> <p>Students shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. be at their bus pickup point at least five to ten (5 – 10) minutes prior to bus' scheduled arrival time; the bus driver will not wait for latecomers; 2. stay away from the road or the street while waiting for the bus; 3. respect the property and belongings of other people at the stop; 4. wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before preparing to board or disembark, and wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the street if they need to do so. <p>While on the bus, students shall:</p>	

1. go directly to their seat and remain there until they reach their destination;
2. remain seated at all times, facing forward, with their back against the seat back and their legs turned towards the front of the bus;
3. avoid distracting or speaking to the bus driver, except in an emergency;
4. not eat, drink or litter the inside of the bus;
5. not smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs,
6. not throw objects inside or outside the vehicle;
7. keep all parts of their body inside the bus;
8. keep their books, school bags and any other objects on their lap and keep the aisle clear;
9. take skates on the bus only if the skates have blades guards and are kept inside a special carrying bag;
10. refrain from taking very large, cumbersome, hazardous or offensive items on the bus including skis and hockey sticks. In the event of a conflict, the bus driver and the school principal shall decide whether an object is permitted on the bus or not, in accordance with the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium's procedures;
11. not bring firearms, explosives, knives, water guns and other dangerous or offensive objects on the bus;
12. be liable for any deliberate damage to the bus;
13. only board the bus to which they have been assigned, and get on or off only at their assigned bus stop;
14. help to keep the bus safe and clean;
15. take all their personal belongings with them when they leave the bus;
16. follow all of the bus driver's instructions in an emergency;

17. never bully other students or the bus driver;
18. refrain from speaking loudly, making noise, fighting, swearing, using abusive language, or hitting, biting or disturbing other students;
19. obey the same rules and regulations as they would in a classroom; and
20. if transferring, remain seated on the bus until the transfer bus arrives.

After disembarking the school bus, students shall:

1. immediately move three (3) meters away from the front of the vehicle and wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the street if they need to do so;
2. always walk in front of the vehicle and look for traffic before crossing the street.