Transportation Rules & Policies

Responsibilities

In recognition that the safety of students is of paramount importance, parents/caregivers, drivers, and students are requested to observe the following guidelines.

Parents/caregivers are requested to:

1. Ensure their child is at the stop location and is ready for boarding five minutes prior to the stated departure time. 2. Ensure, as necessary, that there is a responsible individual available to meet the vehicle after school. 3. Have alternate arrangements in place for those times when the vehicle is delayed. Drivers are expected to: Drivers are expected to: 1. Operate the vehicle in a professional manner at all times. 2. Not leave the stop location prior to the stated departure time. 3. Assist in the loading and unloading of students at the vehicle, when required (as in the case of students in wheelchairs). 4. Report student misconduct to the principal. 5. Ensure order and safety of the students in the vehicle. 6. Be courteous to all students, parents and school board staff. Students are expected to: 1. Arrive at the stop location and be ready to board five minutes prior to the stated departure time. 2. Remain safely seated whenever the vehicle is in motion. Behave responsibly and follow any instructions given by the driver. 3.

Consequences of Student Misconduct

- 1. The driver is obliged to record the incident and submit a report to the principal.
- 2. The principal is responsible for ensuring appropriate student conduct and discussing any incidents with the parents/caregivers.
- 3. Upon review of an incident, student transportation services may be withdrawn.

Change of Address

Please notify Transportation Services immediately if there is a change in your child's pick-up or drop-off location. Families who move during the school year are requested to contact Transportation Services at least one week prior to moving to ensure that appropriate school transportation arrangements are made. Please note that transportation can only be provided within the designated area for each school. If a family moves outside of a school's designated area and does not wish to transfer the pupil to the school serving their new area, parents become responsible for transportation arrangements.

Severe Weather Conditions

In the event of severe weather conditions, please listen for radio announcements. If it becomes necessary to cancel bus operations, notice will be provided via the radio. Severe weather conditions and poor roads may extend bus running times, resulting in late arrivals and/or departures. Parents/guardians should ensure that children are suitably clothed to withstand weather extremes, that children are supervised until picked up, and that children have a place to go in the event of an emergency or an unavoidable delay.

Carry On Items

1. Students boarding the bus carrying objects such as musical instruments, skates, etc. should use the utmost care so as not to accidentally injure other passengers.

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- 2. Aisles shall be kept clear of all obstructions (feet, books, lunch boxes, gym bags, back packs, musical instruments, etc.).
- 3. Food and drinks are not to be consumed in vehicles.

For more information, please contact:

Regina Public School Board - Transportation Services Office hours: 8:00-11:55 a.m. and 1:00-4:25 p.m. Tel: 306.791.8245 Fax: 306.791.8651 <u>transportation@rbe.sk.ca</u> (This information was taken from the R.B.E. website)

Mi-Bus Transportation Policies:

- Students should be ready, 10 minutes before scheduled pick-up
- Drivers should arrive at a pick-up stops with in 3 min of scheduled time
- Students shall be given no more than 3 minutes from the time you arrive at their home to enter your vehicle.
- Students must wear a seat belt at all times, no exceptions
- We do not encourage/discourage or provide booster seats, we will use them if the parents supply them
- Students who have been absent for 3 consecutive days must call, to restore regular service
- We wait a minimum 10 minutes after school for students to arrive at your vehicle
- Students are not permitted to eat or drink in the van
- Parents must clear alternate pick-up and drop off addresses with the school boards transportation department and students must be picked-up and dropped off at approved addresses
- Students are to loaded and unloaded at designated stops, unless the note signed by a parent or school official.
- Only release students to authorized parents/guardians, parents should be instructed to notify you if there will be someone else picking their child up from school.
- Authorized students only

Student Behaviour and Bullying

Students under our care are in structured learning programs, as an extension of these various school programs:

- Students shall not be allowed to engage in conversations under your supervision that may include swearing, explicit violence, sex or drug.
- Eat, drink or smoke under our supervision
- Fighting
- Verbal or physical abuse towards the driver and other students in the van
- Physical contact of a sexual nature

Failing to follow these guidelines may result in transportation suspensions or cancellation of services

Contact Information

Parent/guardians will be given the drivers direct cell number to call/ text drivers, allowing for faster and accurate communications. Please advice us of your student, driver and school names when you call or leave messages.

Office hours: 6:30am - 9:00pm

Ph (306) 206-1878 - primary number for school related issues including: pick-up /drop off changes & driver complaints Ph. (306) 591-0108 – ShortBuss Transportation business number,

Email: shortbusstransportation@gmail.com, Fax. (306) 206-1879

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