



The Edmonton Society for Christian Education

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School Bus Safety Rules

Bus service is provided for student convenience and safety. In order to keep the ride to and from school safe for everyone, we expect students to behave in a Christian manor, showing responsible and respectful behavior. Following the rules below will help to keep our buses safe and comfortable for everyone.

Expected Bus Behavior:

Be courteous:

- Students must be respectful to the bus driver.
- Follow the bus driver's directions as soon as they are issued.
- Always share seats with others.
- Speak quietly at all times.
- Do not use vulgar language or swearing.
- Do not speak in a way that teases, hurts or harasses others.
- Keep the bus clean.
- Do not use perfumes, lotions, hairsprays, nail polish, etc. while on the bus.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus without the permission of the driver.
- No unauthorized use of a cellular telephone is permitted.
- No pets allowed.

Be safe:

- Remain well back from the curb until the bus is stopped & the door is opened.
- Be seated and facing the front of the bus at all times.
- Keep hands, head and feet inside the bus.
- Do not throw any object on the bus or out of the bus.
- Do not board the bus without the bus driver being present.
- Emergency exit may only be used in case of an emergency.
- Do not cross in front of the bus in an urban area.

Obey the law:

- Do nothing to threaten the safety of others on or off the bus.
- Do not throw any object out of the bus.
- Do not vandalize the bus or anyone's personal property.
- Do not hit, punch, kick or physically assault another student.
- Do not have anything that can be perceived as a weapon.
- Do not use matches or lighters.
- Do not have any illegal substance including drugs and alcohol.

Note: Bulky items such as balls, skates (must have guards), bikes, musical instruments, etc. can only be taken on the bus, at the bus driver's discretion, if prior arrangements have been made with the bus driver.

Method of Discipline:

- Verbal warning – bus driver will note the warning.
- Re-assigned seat – bus driver will note misbehavior.
- Misbehavior Notice - sent to the Assistant Principal outlining the misbehavior and steps already taken by the bus driver. The Assistant Principal will take appropriate action depending on the situation (and may involve parents). The Assistant Principal will return a note to the driver to inform the driver of action taken.
- Suspension Notice – results in immediate suspension from the bus until the situation is resolved – a copy goes to the parents, Principal and Executive Director. The student will not be allowed to return until a satisfactory resolution has been agreed to and acknowledged by the parents.

Notes:

1. A student who receives a second Misbehavior Notice will usually be suspended for a period of time.
2. Any student who breaks the law (see list above) will be suspended immediately.

Consequences of Misbehavior Notice

- Suspension from the bus.
- Consequences as arranged.
- Expulsion from the bus.
- When warranted, police will be contacted.

Bus drivers maintain order and discipline on the bus in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Board of The Edmonton Society for Christian Education. Any concerns regarding your child's transportation should firstly be directed to the Assistant Principal, then to the Principal and Executive Director.