

### **School Bus Rules – District Expectations for Riders**

1. Students **must** be at their designated stops at least 5 minutes prior to the posted pick-up time and enter the bus in an orderly manner.
2. Hand-held devices and earbuds must not be used while getting on or off the bus.
3. Courtesy and respect among passengers are expected. Disruptive behaviour and/or excessive noise that disturb the safe operation of the bus and will not be tolerated. Throwing objects, either within the bus or out the bus windows is prohibited.
4. Bullying will not be tolerated. Incidents will be reported and investigated. Students are encouraged to report incidents to the driver.
5. Respect for property is expected. Vandalism or willful damage to a bus will be investigated and will result in bus suspension and the cost of the vandalism.
6. Students must remain seated at all times. Facing forward and the aisles must remain clear when the bus is in motion. Bus windows may be opened, but students must not extend arms, heads or objects outside the bus.
7. Food or drink shall **not** be consumed on the bus.
8. Glass bottles, sharp objects, weapons and illegal substances are **not** permitted on the bus.
9. Smoking/Vaping of any product, including e-cigarettes or any open flame is **not** allowed on the bus at any time.
10. The use or spraying of any aerosol material will **not** be allowed on the bus.
11. MVA Regulations dictate that large unsecured items cannot be carried on the bus. This includes but is not limited to, musical instruments longer than 25", baseball bats, hockey sticks and bags, lacrosse sticks and bags, golf clubs and bags, skateboards of any size, scooters and large school projects that will not fit on the student's lap.

### **Kindergarten – Grade 3 Students**

K-3 students will not be allowed to leave the school bus at the stop unless the driver is satisfied that a responsible adult or older sibling is at the stop. If a student is not met at the bus stop, they will be returned to the school and a parent/guardian will be contacted.

**To allow your child to walk home unescorted, please send a letter of consent to the Transportation department via email at [bussing@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:bussing@sd62.bc.ca).**

### **Student Code of Conduct**

Students shall abide by the same code of behaviour as would be expected at their schools. The school Principal has the authority under the School Act, Section 5.3 to discipline any student who misbehaves to and from school or at or near the bus stop.

Note: Each driver has complete authority over their bus. Principals and Vice Principals at each school recognize and support the Driver's authority over all passengers. The safety of all passengers will not be compromised. Should any student not comply with the Code of Conduct outlined above, the Principal may suspend riding privileges or initiate other disciplinary measures.

### **Notice to all Parents/Guardians and Students**

Parents/guardians should review and discuss bus safety and conduct rules with their students. Parental support of the bus driver and school will ensure safe riders for all students.