



SCHOOL BUS CONDUCT AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

District Policies: (<https://asdeast.nbed.ca/policies/>)

- [551: Safe and Orderly Conduct on School Buses](#)
 - [552: Student Conveyance - Alternate Location for Child Care](#)
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NOTE: Permission for any student to ride on a school bus is a **PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT**. The safety and wellbeing of student riders depends on proper behavior and compliance of the following rules and regulations. Any student who violates any of the following rules will be reported to the proper school Administrator and his/her privilege of transportation may be denied. These rules apply to STUDENT ACTIVITY TRIPS as well as regular bus routes to and from school.

1. The DRIVER has FULL control of the bus and its passengers and has authority to enforce all the Provincial bus rules and guidelines. Always respect the authority of the driver by obeying promptly and courteously. Students are to refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver.
2. BE ON TIME AT YOUR BUS STOP. The BUS WILL NOT WAIT for those who are tardy. DO NOT run after the bus if you are late, always remember the danger zone. Drivers have been instructed NOT TO STOP for anyone running after a bus.
3. Wait for the bus to come to a COMPLETE stop before trying to board or depart. If you must CROSS THE ROAD, wait for the DRIVER TO SIGNAL you across with his/her hand when he/she has determined all traffic has stopped. ALWAYS cross at least ten (10) feet in front of the bus, whether boarding or departing.
4. After boarding the bus, sit down and remain seated until the bus reaches your stop. IF THE DRIVER ASSIGNS SEATS, students will sit in the seats assigned to them.
5. NO fighting, pushing tripping, kicking, etc. will be tolerated on the bus.
6. NO student will be allowed to use tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or light matches or lighters on the bus.
7. NO loud or boisterous speech, swearing or shouting in the bus or out the windows will be allowed. Rude and abusive language will not be tolerated.
8. DO NOT sit with more than the proper number in one seat.
9. DO NOT extend any part of your body out the bus windows.
10. DO NOT throw anything in or out of the bus window.
11. DO NOT eat or drink on the bus, Safety first, you may choke.
12. DO NOT bring live animals, reptiles, insects, etc. on the bus.
13. DO NOT bring firearms, ammunition, knives, explosives devices, firecrackers or other dangerous materials aboard the bus. Such ITEMS WILL BE CONFISCATED, and appropriate discipline will follow.
14. **TREAT THE BUS WITH RESPECT. ANY DAMAGES TO THE BUS WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE STUDENT OR HIS/HER PARENTS. ALL ACTS OF VANDALISM WILL BE HANDLED UNDER THE SCHOOL VANDALISM POLICY.**
15. Keep the aisle clear. Store personal items on your lap or under the seat.
16. Keep the bus clean. A waste container is provided at the front of the bus for all garbage. Use this container when boarding or departing the bus only.
17. USE HANDRAILS when boarding or departing the bus.



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18. In the morning, students will be discharged ONLY at their regularly designated school stop. NO student will be allowed to get off at ANY OTHER PLACE.
19. In the afternoon, students will be discharged ONLY at their homes or regularly designated stops. In the case of an emergency, the principal will follow policy 552.3. The PRINCIPAL will then notify the TRANSPORTATION OFFICE. If such change is on a permanent basis, a parental release form must be on file with the TRANSPORTATION OFFICE. All changes will comply with policy 552. ([POLICY 552](#))
20. Students transported to an athletic, academic, or co-curricular activity will return to the point of departure on the bus. Rare exceptions may be made for return with parents - **and only parents**

In summary, no distracting or dangerous activity will be allowed on the bus, these situations put **EVERYONE** at risk.

Please read the Discipline Process ([POLICY 551 appendix A](#)). Discuss bus safety and the above rules with your child and review them on a regular basis.

- My child and I understand the Bus Conduct and Safety Instructions and agree to obey them.
- I have also read and fully understand the Discipline Process

Student Name

Student Signature (grades 3-12)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

This statement must be signed, and returned to the Principal, by the students (10th) tenth day of riding an Anglophone East School District school bus. Failure to do so may result in the removal of your child's privileges.

This statement will be kept on file in the student's cumulative folder for one year.