

PARENTS ON BUSES

Parents are not allowed on regular school bus runs. Harassing the driver or other bussed students is a serious offence which can be reported to the City Police.

LARGE ITEMS ON BUSES

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation states that band instruments, luggage, and other large items “shall not be carried in the interior of a school bus” unless “they can be stored under the seat, do not block aisles or emergency exits, and cannot be dislodged when the brakes of the school bus are applied, during acceleration of the school bus, or in the event of an accident involving the school bus.” The driver is responsible for ensuring that items are transported in accordance with this regulation.

The following items are not allowed, as they cannot be secured: tubas, trombones, saxophones, French horns, skateboards, skis, hockey sticks, scooters, large hockey bags, curling brooms, suitcases with wheels, large school projects, etc.

Students may only carry those items which can be held safely on their laps. The items must not stick up above the seat and must not be larger than 33cm x 33cm x 59cm so as not to intrude into another student’s space or stick out into the aisle.

LOST & FOUND

Items left on the bus will be brought into the school office.

EATING ON BUSES

In order to avoid choking and other hazards, students may not eat or use cups with straws in the bus. A water bottle is recommended.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

All students should be at their bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick up time.

Wait for the bus in your safety zone at least 1 meter away from the bus. Never run to or from the bus.

Get on the bus one at a time and use the handrail when getting on and off the bus.

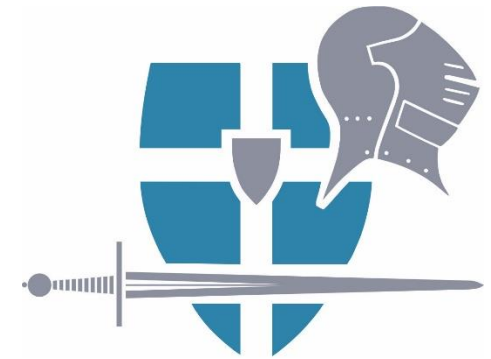
Take your seat right way and stay seated until you leave the bus.

Sit back in your seat, feet on the floor, facing forward.

Talk quietly so as not to distract the driver. Remember, it’s the driver’s responsibility to keep you safe.

Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the door to open before you leave your seat to exit the bus.

After leaving the bus, stand in your safety zone at least 1 meter away from the bus until the bus has pulled away. Remember: If you can’t see the driver, then the driver can’t see you! Do not cross in front of the bus when exiting.



Student Transportation Brochure



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BUS ROUTES

Bus routes can change throughout the school year. When you receive an email stating that there has been a change, please go to the Society website at www.lcssociety.org to review the map and times posted under the “Bus Services” tab.

BUS STOPS

Students are required to be at their bus stop at least 5 minutes before their scheduled pickup time. Drivers are not able to wait for students who are tardy in arriving at their stop as it alters the bus schedule. The bus will not leave the school until 7 minutes after the bell.

Transportation (one home bus stop) is provided for eligible students for pickup to and from school ONLY (not to baby sitters, music lessons, sports events, etc.)

Only eligible students, drivers or authorized persons may ride the bus.

BUS CANCELLATIONS

In the case of bus cancellation in the morning due to inclement weather or mechanical breakdown, the families on that bus route will be notified by email from the Society.

If school has been cancelled by the Lethbridge School Division (snow day), parents will be notified by text, phone and email from the Lethbridge School Division. Radio stations will also announce this information in the mornings.

BEHAVIOUR ON THE BUS

Riding the bus is a privilege, not a “right”.

In order for students to have a safe and pleasant ride on the bus, students must follow the rules of conduct. The bus is an extension of the classroom and any misconduct will be dealt with by school officials &/or Society personnel.

It is the primary responsibility of the bus driver to transport students safely to and from school. The driver’s attention must be on the road and traffic conditions and not on student behaviour.

Buses are equipped with video cameras which are used for discipline and safety purposes only. Students may be suspended or expelled from riding the bus if they do not follow the rules of conduct.

Consequences administered by School Officials:

1. Written infraction sent to school – parents notified.
2. 2nd infraction – 1 day suspension.
3. 3rd infraction – 3 day suspension.
4. 4th infraction – 5 day suspension.
5. 5th infraction – suspension of riding privileges.

Steps may be omitted depending on the severity of the infraction.

City Bylaw #2362: *It is unlawful for any person to fight, scream, shout, swear, use insulting or obscene language, smoke, spit, or engage in unseemly or disorderly behaviour on any school bus.*

Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation, Section 29: *No person shall stand in a school bus, get up from his seat on a school bus, or attempt to get on or off a school bus while the school bus is in motion.*

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Always follow the directions of the driver.

Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion and are not to extend any part of their body out the windows or throw any items out of the windows.

Students are not to have their bodies out of the seat area and in the aisle of the bus. This impedes exit and endangers the student.

Standeers are not permitted on school buses.

Students may be assigned to specific seats.

No eating on the bus (includes candy, drinks, and gum.)

Students who vandalize a bus will be held responsible for the cost of repairs and may lose their riding privileges.

Inappropriate use of mobile technology is strictly prohibited.

Scuffling, fighting, harassment of other students, smoking, vaping, use of obscene language and throwing objects in the bus are prohibited.

Possession, use or conveyance of potentially dangerous items, alcohol or controlled substances, is strictly prohibited.

The seriousness of the above offences may warrant immediate suspension and referral to police services.