

Revelstoke Board of Education

Riding the School Bus

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School District 19
(Revelstoke)

The Revelstoke Board of Education believes in a school system that ensures the physical, emotional, and virtual environments in which we learn and work are safe, supportive, and non-threatening. Each of our schools embed this belief into their codes of conduct that provide guidance on student behaviour expectations including riding a school bus. Principals have the prime responsibility for addressing the conduct of students being transported to/from school on district buses. Teachers and coaches have the responsibility of direct supervision during co-curricular and extra-curricular activities while bus drivers have the paramount authority in ensuring the safe operation of the bus.

To assist students with meeting these expectations, please review with your child the following guidelines and expectations:

Students

- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time and stand well off the road
- Watch for the driver to signal to you when it is safe for you to cross the road and look both ways before crossing the road
- Return home if the bus is unusually late picking you up in the morning
- Only bring items onto the bus that fit on your lap, such as small instruments or backpacks. These items must not interfere with adjacent riders, must not project into the aisle or exit ways, and must have edges covered.
- Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and the doors are opened
- Use appropriate language/volume
- Be courteous
- Remain seated and share your seat if necessary
- Keep aisle clear
- Keep head and limbs within the bus



Parents

- Review road safety rules i.e. looking both ways before crossing the street
- Make alternative arrangements for sending large items, such as snowboards and skis, to school
- Ensure ice skate blades are covered with guards and/or in a suitable skate bag (ie. cloth or hard case)
- Provide your elementary child with a note if you wish them to get off at a different stop
- Notify the school secretary if your elementary child is not taking the bus home
- Report safety problems to the School Board Office

September 2020 COVID Health And Safety Protocols

- Parents and caregivers should **NOT** send children to school, or to ride the bus, if they are showing signs of illness as outlined by the Daily Health Check.
- To reduce close, in-person interactions, students are encouraged to walk, cycle, or ride by private vehicle.
- When taking the bus, students should **clean their hands before they leave home**, when they leave school, when they board, and when they get home.
- Students will be assigned to a regular seating plan on the bus as per the recommendations in the BC Provincial Health and Safety Guidelines.
- A process will be in place for the loading and unloading of students on the bus.
- **Secondary students will be required to wear masks**, with exceptions made for students who cannot for medical or disability related reasons. Masks are optional for elementary students.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols have been established for all buses.

