



# STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

## Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

**Our goal is to ensure the safety of our students, and in partnership with our transportation provider, we are providing you with the general rules for school bus conduct. We want to work together to create a positive school bus experience for our students.**

### **PRIOR TO GETTING ON THE SCHOOL BUS (on the road and at school)**

- Each student should be at their designated stop 5 minutes prior to the listed pick up time.
- Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Students must conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting and must not interfere with other students who are also at the bus stop.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.
- Students should wear clothing that is appropriate for the outside weather. If a breakdown or collision occurs the bus may have to be evacuated, regardless of the outside temperature.

### **WHILE ON THE SCHOOL BUS**

- The bus driver is in full charge of the school bus at all times and students must obey the driver promptly.
- The bus driver may assign a seat for which the student will be held responsible and he/she will retain this seat until directed otherwise by the bus driver.
- Unnecessary conversation with the bus driver is not allowed.
- Classroom conduct is to be observed on the school bus and any disturbance which may take the bus driver's attention and endanger the safe operation of the bus is prohibited.
- There is to be no smoking or the use of alcohol or drugs on any school bus.
- Children cannot eat on the bus because of the potential for severe allergic reactions of other students and the danger of choking.
- Students must remain seated while the school bus is in motion.
- Students must not litter the bus with paper or other garbage or throw any articles out of the school bus windows.
- Students must not extend any part of their body out of the windows.

### **LEAVING THE SCHOOL BUS**

- Students are responsible for getting off the bus at their designated stop.
- When leaving the bus, students must remain on the sidewalk until the bus has moved safely away.
- The driver will not discharge passengers at places other than a designated bus stop.
- Please remember to remove all personal items from the bus. Southland Transportation is not responsible for any lost or forgotten items on the bus.

### **SCHOOL BUS DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- School bus drivers are responsible for the discipline of passengers while entering, leaving and riding on the bus.
- School bus drivers may recommend to the principal that a passenger be suspended from riding the bus for a specified period of time for breaking any of the busing rules.

### **PARENTS ON BUSES**

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

### **SPECIAL TRIPS (Extracurricular & Field Trips)**

- The same rules apply to all school trips and all passengers on such trips.
- Passengers on special trips shall additionally respect the wishes and directions of school appointed chaperones provided for the bus.

***Students violating these rules may be reported to the school principal and may be suspended from riding the bus until assurance is received from parents and the student that these rules will be observed.***