

Thank you for Riding!

We want you on board with us. Every day, Student Transportation Services transports approximately 28,000 students just like you to school and home throughout Durham Region. We want you to feel welcome and safe on board our buses and trust you to conduct yourself appropriately when you're riding with us. You, your parents, the bus driver and your principal all play a part in safe, effective and efficient school bus transportation.



Inclement Weather



For school bus cancellations and delays, go to www.dsts.on.ca or your Board website.

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**School Bus
Information**

**A User Guide
for Students**

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Welcome!

Riding the Bus



A school bus is an extension of the classroom—and the same conduct your teachers expect to see from you in class is what the bus drivers expect to see from you on the bus.

School Bus Safety

- Be at your bus stop 5-10 minutes before pick-up time.
- Be a safe pedestrian. Walk on the sidewalk where available, cross the street at appropriate places and look both ways before crossing
- Stand at least 6 feet back from the road.
- Please don't push or shove your buddies at the bus stop.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the doors to open completely before you board.
- Board the bus in single file and hold on to the handrail.
- Carry your stuff in a backpack so your hands are free.
- The bus driver is in charge of the vehicle and the passengers.
- Listen to and be respectful of the bus driver.

School Bus Do and Don'ts



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- Do be at your bus stop 5-10 minutes before the scheduled time.
- Do be ready to keep your backpack or other gear on your lap or under the seat in front of you.
- Do be **respectful** of your shared space. Keep your voice down so the driver can concentrate on the road.
- No swearing, horseplay or rough-housing.
- Do not touch safety equipment or emergency exits unless it is an emergency.
- Do keep your hands, arms, feet, head and belongings inside the vehicle at all times.
- Do **remain seated** for the whole ride and until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Do not throw things in the bus or out of the bus.



- Do **follow instructions** from the bus driver.
- Do **respect private properties** when waiting for the bus and don't leave your garbage behind.
- Do refrain from eating, drinking and smoking on the bus.
- Do not bring alcohol, drugs or weapons onto the school bus.
- Do learn the name of your bus company and route number so you don't get on the wrong bus.



Student Discipline



For those who choose not to comply with the above, discipline for conduct on the school bus falls under the authority of the principal.

The bus driver is required to report incidents on board the school bus to the bus company and the principal. The principal may talk to you and/or your parents.

You may be subject to in-school discipline or even a suspension or removal from the school bus. Remember, riding the school bus is your privilege, not a right. Like any privilege, it can be taken away.

