## Durham Student Transportation Services

## Responsibilities of the Student

## Statement:

Students accessing transportation provided by DSTS and the School Board are responsible for using the service safely and responsibly and recognize that transportation is a privilege which can be revoked if not used responsibly.

## Procedures:

While waiting for the bus, students must:

- be at the bus stop no later than five (5) minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus, bus can't wait for late arrivals;
- always keep a safe distance from the road or the street while waiting for the bus;
- respect other people's property and belongings while waiting for the school bus;
- wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before moving forward to board the bus;
- be able to identify their bus stop location;
- While on the bus, students must: be responsible to the principal for their conduct on the bus;
- act appropriately so as not endanger the safety of themselves or others;
- take a seat as quickly as possible, if applicable; go to the seat that has been assigned to them;
- remain seated at all times, facing forward, with back against the back seat cushion and legs facing toward the front of the bus;
- for safety during the trip, avoid distracting or speaking to the bus driver, except in the case of an emergency.
- keep aisles clear of backpacks and other belongings;
- refrain from eating, and drinking on the bus;
- treat the driver with respect and follow instructions when asked;
- be courteous and respectful to others on the bus at all times;
- smoking, drinking alcohol or using drugs is strictly prohibited;
- keep entire body and belongings inside the bus; do not open the windows of the bus without permission;
- refrain from bringing items on the bus that are overly large, cumbersome, dangerous, illegal or offensive (e.g. animals, firearms, explosives, weapons);
- be liable for any damage done deliberately to the bus;
- only board the bus to which you have been assigned, and embark or disembark only at your own bus stop;
- take all personal belongings with you when leaving the bus;
- refrain from inappropriate behavior on the bus (e.g. throwing items, swearing, fighting, bullying)
- not touch safety equipment or emergency exits unless it is an emergency; After getting off the school bus, students must:
- be aware of your surroundings, refrain from using electronic devices and remove headphones;
- if usually met by a parent or guardian let your driver know that they are not present;
- if required to cross the road, immediately move five (5) to eight (8) paces away from the front of the vehicle and wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the street; • always watch for traffic before crossing the street.

