

The On-Site School Bus Rider Safety Training provides training to all elementary aged students on appropriate behaviour and safety measures while riding a school bus – supporting all students, including those students that do not receive home-to-school transportation but may access busing for field trips/athletics.

In the 2017-18 school year, the SCSTC piloted the On-Site School Bus Rider Safety Training to eight (8) SCDSB and SMCDSB elementary schools in the Midland and Penetanguishene areas. The feedback received from the schools was positive, saying the training was engaging, relevant and age appropriate.

For 2018-19, the Ministry of Education (MOE), has identified funding would be provided to school boards to support this safety training for up to 50% of a board's elementary students in 2018-19 and the remaining 50% in 2019-20.

Details of the On-Site School Bus Rider Safety Training, for selected schools, includes:

- The program is designed to provide students in Ontario with on-site training on how to be safe in and around a school bus. The training will actively promote and support appropriate student behaviour and will contribute to a positive school climate.
- Training and scheduling will be provided by Intertrain Incorporated and will take place in Fall 2018.
 - Students and teachers will be invited to the school gymnasium to attend the program which will run for approximately thirty (30) minutes each.
- Programs are age-specific:
 - Grades JK – 3 – interactive bus safety training using “Buster the Bus”;
 - Grades 4 – 8 – program focused on safety and behaviour, with emphasis on providing a positive role model for younger students.
- The program fulfills additional bus safety requirements for students as outlined by the MOE.

If you have any questions regarding the On-Site School Bus Rider Safety Training, you may contact the SCSTC via the [contact link at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca), or visit the SCSTC website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the ‘Safety’ tab for details.