

1. Policy Information

Section: Responsibilities of Parents and/or Guardians
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2. Rationale

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) acknowledges that parents and/or guardians have a responsibility for their child's behaviour during home-to-school transportation.

3. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the SCSTC to follow Member District School Boards' policies and procedures as it relates to the responsibilities of parents and guardians of home-to-school transported students. It is the responsibility of parents and/or guardians to support and educate their child about the policies and procedures related to safe student transportation.

4. Overview

- 4.1. Responsibilities of the Parents and/or Guardians
 - 4.1.1. Know their child's transportation information including:
 - 4.1.1.1. school vehicle operator name
 - 4.1.1.2. route number
 - 4.1.1.3. school vehicle stop location and;
 - 4.1.1.4. scheduled pick-up and drop-off times.
 - 4.1.2. Assume responsibility to have their child arrive at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes before their scheduled pick-up time.
 - 4.1.3. Assume responsibility for their child's safety and behaviour while they wait to board the school vehicle.
 - 4.1.4. Assume responsibility for their child when they are dropped off at their designated end of day school vehicle stop.
 - 4.1.5. It is the responsibility of the parent and/or guardian to ensure that their Junior Kindergarten (JK), Senior Kindergarten (SK), French Immersion (SCDSB only) or other identified child is met at their designated end of day school vehicle stop. These students **MUST** be met by a parent and/or guardian or their designate.

- 4.1.6. Recognize that student transportation is a privilege that can be suspended or revoked if expectations are not met.
 - 4.1.7. Cooperate with the school vehicle driver, school vehicle operator, the SCSTC and the school Principal to ensure that their child conducts themselves in an appropriate manner on the school vehicle.
 - 4.1.8. Understand that the school vehicle is viewed as an extension of the classroom and, as such, student discipline on the school vehicle falls under the responsibility of the school Principal.
 - 4.1.9. Inform their child about the safety and behaviour rules outlined in:
 - 4.1.9.1. SCSTC Policy TR05 – Responsibility of the Student and;
 - 4.1.9.2. SCSTC Policy TR06 – Code of Conduct for Bused Students.
- These policies are to be followed at the school vehicle stop and while travelling on the school vehicle.
- 4.1.10. Report to the school any problems or concerns that occurred on the school vehicle identifying the school vehicle route number, date, time and nature of the problem.
 - 4.1.11. Complete and annually update any Medical and/or Life-Threatening information for their child, if applicable, and submit this information to their school Principal.
 - 4.1.12. Apply through the school to request any modification to their child's transportation.
 - 4.1.13. Assume responsibility for all deliberate damage or acts of vandalism caused by their child at the school vehicle stop or on the school vehicle.
 - 4.1.14. Be familiar with your school's weather zone for weather related school vehicle cancellations. Information on school vehicle delays and/or cancellations can be found at: www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.

5. References

SCDSB Policy 2410 – Transportation

SMCDSB Policy GP – 13

SCSTC TR04 - Parent Responsibilities of Kindergarten Students to be met at Bus Stop

SCSTC TR05 - Responsibilities of the Student

SCSTC TR06 - Code of Conduct for Bused Students

SCSTC TR08 - Responsibilities of the School Principal

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