

1. Policy Information

Section: Responsibilities of Home-to-School Transported Students
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2. Rationale

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) recognizes that students are responsible for age appropriate accountability and/or responsibilities when being transported on school vehicles in order to make the ride safe and efficient for all.

3. Policy Statement

It is the responsibility of home-to-school transported students to follow the SCSTC and its Member District School Boards policies and procedures related to student transportation.

4. Overview

- 4.1. Home-to-School Transported Students are responsible to:
 - 4.1.1. Respect that the school vehicle driver is in charge of the vehicle and the passengers.
 - 4.1.2. Understand that the school vehicle is an extension of the classroom, and as such, student discipline falls under the responsibility of the school Principal.
 - 4.1.3. Recognize that student transportation is a privilege not a right, that can be suspended or revoked if expectations are not met.
 - 4.1.4. Understand that serious or repeated misconduct will be recorded and that the report may be placed in the Ontario Student Report folder.
 - 4.1.5. Understand that inappropriate conduct may result in the loss of transportation privileges and may result in further discipline according to the Disciplinary Action policy and procedure for the respective school board.
 - 4.1.6. Follow SCSTC Policy TG06 - Carry-on Bags and Equipment on School Vehicles as it relates to what is acceptable to be transported on the school vehicle.
 - 4.1.7. Be at the school vehicle stop at least five minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the school vehicle.
 - 4.1.8. Keep a safe distance from the road while waiting for the school vehicle.
 - 4.1.9. Respect other people's property and belongings when waiting for the school vehicle.

- 4.1.10. Wait until the school vehicle comes to a complete stop and its overhead lights are flashing before approaching to board the vehicle.
- 4.1.11. Refrain from inappropriate behaviour on the school vehicle i.e. not throwing things, spitting, swearing, fighting, bullying or roughhousing.
- 4.1.12. Not bring alcohol, drugs or weapons onto the school vehicle.
- 4.1.13. Keep hands, arms, feet, head and belongings inside the vehicle at all times.
- 4.1.14. Remain seated for the duration of the ride and until the school vehicle comes to a complete stop.
- 4.1.15. Not touch safety equipment or emergency exits unless it is an emergency.
- 4.1.16. Obey safety patrollers, if applicable, who have been selected to aid the driver on the school vehicle.
- 4.1.17. Be responsible for any damage they cause to the school vehicle.
- 4.1.18. Take all their personal belongings with them when they depart the school vehicle.

5. References

Education Act, RSO 1990, Section 306 (1)

Education Act, RSO 1990, Section 310 (1)

SCDSB Policy 2410 – Transportation

SCDSB Policy 4250 - Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour

SMCDSB Policy GP – 13

SCSTC TG06 - Carry on Bags and Equipment on School Vehicles

SCSTC TR06 - Code of Conduct for Bused Students

SCSTC TR07 - Discipline of Transported Students

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