



## NIPISSING-PARRY SOUND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Section	Revised
<b>Transportation – Roles and Responsibilities</b>	April 12, 2017
<b>RR – 002 Responsibilities of the Students</b>	
<b>General Statement</b>	<p>Students who are granted the privilege of school transportation shall behave in a safe and appropriate manner while they are aboard the vehicle. Students who behave in an unsafe or inappropriate manner will lose this privilege.</p> <p>School principals are responsible for students’ behavior while on the school bus and other school purpose vehicle (SPV). Students shall obey the instructions of the driver, who represents the school principal.</p>
<b>Statement of Responsibility</b>	<p>Riding on a school bus or other SPV both to school and on planned excursions is a privilege, not a right.</p> <p><b>Students shall:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. be at their pickup point at least five to ten (5 – 10) minutes prior to scheduled arrival time; the driver will not wait for latecomers;</li> <li>2. wait at a safe distance from the road and not at or in the house;</li> <li>3. respect the property and belongings of other people at the designated stop; and</li> <li>4. wait for the vehicle to come to a complete stop before preparing to board or get off, and wait for the driver’s signal before crossing the street if they need to do so.</li> </ol> <p><b>While on the school bus or other SPV, students shall:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. go directly to their seat and remain there until they reach their destination;</li> <li>2. remain seated at all times, facing forward, with their back against the seat back and their legs turned towards the front of the vehicle;</li> <li>3. avoid distracting or speaking to the driver, except in an emergency;</li> </ol>



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4. help to keep the vehicle safe and clean; refrain from eating, drinking or dirtying the inside of the vehicle;
5. refrain from smoking, vaping, drinking alcohol or using drugs;
6. refrain from throwing objects inside or outside the vehicle;
7. keep all parts of their body inside the vehicle;
8. keep their books, school bags and any other objects on their lap and keep the aisle clear;
9. take skates on the vehicle only if the skates have blades guards and are kept inside a special carrying bag;
10. refrain from taking very large, cumbersome, hazardous or offensive items on the vehicle. Skis, hockey sticks, animals, firearms, explosives, water guns and other dangerous or cumbersome objects are prohibited on school buses and other SPVs. In the event of a conflict, the driver and the school principal shall decide whether an object is permitted on the vehicle or not, in consultation with the Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services (NPSSTS);
11. be liable for any deliberate damage to the vehicle;
12. only board the vehicle to which they have been assigned, and get on or off only at their assigned stop;
13. take all their personal belongings with them when they leave the vehicle;
14. follow all of the driver's instructions in an emergency;
15. never bully other students or the driver;
16. refrain from speaking loudly, making noise, fighting, swearing, using abusive language, or hitting, biting or disturbing other students;
17. obey the same rules and regulations as they would in a classroom; and
18. if transferring, remain seated on the vehicle until the transfer vehicle arrives.



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	<p><b>After getting off the school bus, students shall:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. immediately move three (3) meters away from the front of the vehicle and wait for the driver's signal before crossing the street if they need to do so; and</li><li>2. always walk in front of the vehicle and look for traffic before crossing the street.</li></ol>
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