



# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)

## Transportation Department

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### Code of Conduct for School Bus Riders Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe

The school bus is an extension of the school and as such the Code of Conduct for the District and home school is in effect at all times. It is the responsibility of every person using the District bus services to ensure that each bus trip is a safe and pleasant experience for all passengers and the driver. It is expected that every person using the bus will demonstrate a concern for safety and respect for their fellow passengers and their bus by observing the Code of Conduct as well as the following expectations on all regular routes, extra-curricular and sports trips.

1. Riders shall arrive at least 5 minutes before bus departure times. Riders are to line up and enter the bus in an orderly manner.
2. Riders must remain seated and orderly at all times. Seats may be reassigned at the discretion of the driver, principal or principal's designated.
3. Eating of lunches and snacks shall be allowed at the discretion of the driver.
4. After disembarking, if riders need to cross the road from the designated stop, they shall do so three (3) meters in front of the stopped bus. Crossing the road behind the bus is dangerous and not permitted.
5. Small carry on items contained in an appropriate fashion and that can be easily accommodated on the lap of the rider may be taken on the school bus (i.e. items) that:
  - are completely housed or contained in an approved case/container (i.e. backpack, sports bag)
  - will not impede the safe use of the seat with fellow student(s)
  - are lower than the seat in front
6. Smoking and the lighting of fires/matches or lighters, disrespect, inappropriate behaviour, and/or swearing is strictly prohibited.
7. The consumption or transport of alcohol, drugs/narcotics or any illegal substances is strictly prohibited.
8. Students must provide their principal and/or bus driver with written permission from their parent or guardian to ride a bus that they are not registered on or to disembark at a stop other than their normal location.
9. Students shall abide by the same Code of Conduct as would be expected at their schools. As the bus is an extension of the school, school principals have the authority to discipline any student who misbehaves both to and from school that includes at or near a bus stop.
10. Students will be held responsible for willful damage to the school bus.

**NOTE:** Each driver has complete authority over his/her bus. Principals & Vice-Principals at each school recognize and support the driver's authority over all passengers. Parents or Guardians shall be advised of all cases of reported misbehavior. The principal may suspend riding privileges or initiate other disciplinary measures. Rights of Appeal are available to parents, guardians and students when a disciplinary action is initiated.

~~~~~ **RETURN LOWER PORTION TO BUS DRIVER** ~~~~~

| <u>STUDENT BUS REGISTRATION</u>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Full Name: _____                 | School: _____ Grade: _____                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>LOCATION OF RESIDENCE</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Street Address: _____            | Town/City: _____                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Home Phone No. _____             | Work Phone No. _____ Cell Phone No. _____                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Postal Code _____                |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>FOR DRIVER'S USE ONLY</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Bus No. _____ Stop No. _____</p> </div> |