

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION

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Statement	<p>Parents and guardians must ensure that their child knows the rules and regulations well and follows them. They are responsible for their child's safety from the time he/she leaves home up to the time when he/she boards the bus and again as soon as he/she get off the bus to go home.</p>
Procedures	<p>Parents/Guardians/Caregivers must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. inform their child about the safety and behaviour rules to be followed at the bus stop and while travelling on the bus; 2. read and sign the school bus safety expectations form (TFL011); 3. obtain your child's transportation information from the school or please visit our website @ businfo.stopr.ca; 4. ensure that their child arrives at the bus stop at least five (5) to ten (10) minutes before the pick-up time; 5. be responsible for their child's safety and behaviour up until he/she boards the bus; 6. parents are reminded that they are responsible for their children's safety until such time as the bus arrives at the bus stop for pick up and from the moment that students disembark from the bus in the afternoon;. <u>STOPR</u> cannot and will not guarantee that buses will arrive on time each day because of potential delays beyond the control of <u>STOPR</u>. (e.g. traffic delays, poor roads, bus breakdown). Parents must ensure that they have established a contingency plan for their children should these circumstances arise; 7. cooperate with the school principal, staff from STOPR and the bus driver to ensure that their child behaves properly while travelling on the bus;

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Procedures	<p>Parents/Guardians/Caregivers must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. assume responsibility for their child when he/she is dropped off at the designated bus stop, upon his/her return from school as per Primary Protocol (STOPR011) and <u>Special Education</u> students as identified;9. write their child's name on his/her school bag, lunch box, hat, mitts and any other object belonging to him/her;10. be responsible for all deliberate damage or acts of vandalism caused by their child;11. inform the school about any cancellation or request changes to be made to their child's transportation service;12. make a note of the bus driver's and school bus operator's names as well as the bus route number and its arrival time;13. inform the school and STOPR about any problem that occurred on the bus and that jeopardized the students' well-being and safety, indicating the bus number, date, time and nature of the problem;14. on mornings of inclement weather, listen to the radio or other media identified by STOPR to find out the status of school bus transportation;15. on mornings of inclement weather, make the final decision about whether or not their child should go to school that day;16. be aware that when a bus is cancelled in the morning due to inclement weather conditions, it will not operate in the afternoon;17. make sure that their child is dressed appropriately in the event of inclement weather;18. not stop or park in school bus loading zone areas at school; and
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Procedures	<p>Parents/Guardians/Caregivers must:</p> <p>19. <u>At home stop</u>, parents/guardians must ensure their child is fastened into their seat if required to use a seat belt, harness restraint or car seat.</p>
Prohibitions	<p>It is strictly prohibited for parents and guardians to board the school bus, with the exception of students requiring assistance with seat belt, harness restraint or car seat.</p> <p>It is prohibited for parents and guardians to speak to the bus driver or anyone working on behalf of STOPR in an angry or aggressive manner, or to use abusive and disrespectful language.</p> <p>Any negotiations between the parent or guardian and the bus driver, requesting bus pick-up or drop-off at any location other than the designated stop as assigned by STOPR is strictly prohibited, and may result in the temporary suspension or permanent withdrawal of the student's school transportation privileges.</p>
Consequence	<p>Repeated circumstances of a parent/caregiver not being present to receive their child, transportation will be reviewed and may result in the removal of transportation privileges for the child involved.</p>