

ELIGIBILITY FOR TRANSPORTATION



Transportation will be provided for resident students if the student resides at a distance greater than 2.4 kilometers from the site of the school that the Board has directed the student to attend, or if in the opinion of the Board, safety of the students would be enhanced by providing transportation services. *Section 33, 34 of School Act.*

Only those students who are registered on a designated school bus route may ride the bus.



School bus routes are designed to provide pick-up and drop-off services to the gate of the student's residence. If the student's residence is 0.4 km or greater from the gate, the school bus will pick up the student at the residence. However, the road to the residence and the turnaround for the bus must be maintained year round to allow safe travel and be kept clear from any hazards that could affect the safety of the students or the bus.



Riding the Bus is a Privilege
Not a Right



STUDENT BEHAVIOR

One of the factors in maintaining a safe transportation system is **student behavior**. Please encourage your child/children to comply with the bus rules posted in each bus and to cooperate with the driver and other students. Below are some of the students' responsibilities.

The bus driver has the same authority as the classroom teacher. We ask that all students behave in a classroom-like manner while riding the bus. Courteous behavior is expected from each student which includes good moral and social conduct.

Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion. Upon entering, students must go directly to their seat and remain seated until the bus is stopped when disembarking.

Students must be on time. Buses are not required to wait for students and students who habitually delay the bus may be left behind. If parents are unsure of the pick up time, please contact your bus driver.

Inappropriate actions which may distract the driver are strictly prohibited.

Buses are to be kept in a neat and clean condition. Students are not to dispose of their litter on the floor of the bus.

The windows of the bus are meant to allow fresh air and sunshine into the bus. Students must keep their hands, arms and bodies inside the bus at all times and refrain from throwing things out of the windows.

Smoking, consumption of alcohol and abusive language is prohibited on the bus.

Restitution must be made for willful damage.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The decision to close a school for the day is the responsibility of the principal. Notification of school closure will be broadcast on local radio station prior to 7:00 A.M.



If a driver decides it is unsafe to do the bus route, or experiences mechanical failure, he/she will notify the principal, parents and radio station in that area. If a driver has started a route and determines that it is unsafe to continue, the driver must ensure that students are delivered to their home, are able to enter, and in the case of very young students, a responsible person is available to supervise them.



Students must wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather. If

a breakdown or collision occurs, the bus may have to be evacuated regardless of weather conditions.

The final decision to send children on the bus is that of the parents, even if the buses are operating and the school is open.



NOTES TO PARENTS



As we begin the 2010-2011 school term, the Prairie Rose School Division No. 8 is prepared to transport your child/children on the safest, most economical transportation system possible. We all share a common concern for the safety of each child in our region.

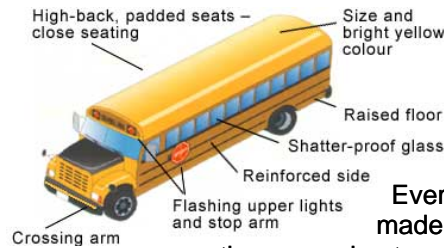
To ensure the safety of your child/children, please notify your respective bus driver of any medical condition that your child/children may have. This information will be kept confidential, but it is very important that your bus driver be kept informed.

For the consideration of our bus drivers please contact your driver and advise them if your child/children will not be on the bus in the morning or afternoon.

It is the primary responsibility of the driver to transport students safely to and from school. The driver's attention must be on the road and traffic conditions; not on student behavior. Please review "Student Behavior" on the reverse side of this brochure with your child/children and encourage them to comply with the "School Bus Rules" posted in the bus.

Bus Operators undergo thorough medical and practical examinations which are supplemented by seminars and safety presentations throughout the year. Drivers are also required to have First Aid, the School Bus Driver Improvement Program and must provide our office with a current Driver Abstract, Criminal Record and Child Welfare check.

THE SCHOOL BUS



Every effort is made to ensure the very best mechanical condition of our buses and their safety devices. This is accomplished through comprehensive semi-annual inspections conducted by licensed inspectors as well as periodic unscheduled inspections through out the year conducted by Alberta Transportation representatives. Drivers are also required to perform a daily pre-trip inspection prior to beginning the morning route.

LARGE ITEMS ON THE BUS



instruments & sports equipment), states:

The school bus operation regulation of the Motor Transport Act, which deals with the carrying of luggage, equipment and tools (such as band & sports



"they shall not be carried in the interior of a school bus" unless "they can be stored under the seat, do not block aisles or emergency exits, cannot be dislodged when brakes of the school bus are applied, during acceleration of the school bus or in the event of an accident involving the bus"

The driver is responsible for ensuring that items are transported in accordance with this section.



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION 2010-2011



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