

School Bus Policies and Guidelines

Purpose:

- To provide students safe daily transportation to and from school for both the Wei Wai Kum and We Wai Kai Nation. This may also involve providing transportation for Cultural school-related field trips.

Liabilities:

- For liability purposes the bus provides the service for those students identified on Nominal Roll which is specific to those students who reside on Reserve.

Responsibility of the students:

- Remain seated, facing forward with feet on the floor at all times.
- Be patient and respect the personal space of other students on the bus.
- Be mindful of those students around you while getting on / off the bus.
- For safety purposes please allow for the younger students to load and off load first.
- Talk quietly while on the bus and do not yell as this may distract the Bus Driver and become a safety issue.
- Keep arms, hands and head in the bus at all times and not out the window.
- Zero tolerance for bullying of any nature.
- Any disrespectful and foul language directed to the bus driver will not be tolerated.
- While departing the bus allow the seats in front of you to depart first in an orderly fashion.
- Absolutely no food, beverage or chewing gum allowed while riding the bus.
- Vandalism of any kind by a student will have consequences.

Responsibility of the Bus Driver:

- The Bus Driver is to ensure safe transportation of the students.
- The Bus Driver is to provide a schedule of pick-up and drop-off between the communities and the schools.
- Should any students not comply within the Responsibility of the Student, the bus driver is to report the incident to the education department of either community.

Discipline for bus behaviour:

- Students who fail to meet the “Responsibility of the Student” will be dealt with in the following manner;
 - The bus driver will advise the Home School Liaison. After careful review of facts the Home School Liaison will follow-up with parents and education co-ordinators.
 - First incident student will receive a verbal warning and phone call to parent.

- If behavior continues a second time the student will be suspended from riding the bus for three consecutive days and written correspondence sent to the family.
- If there is continued misconduct and disruption by the student a meeting will be scheduled with the student, parents, and education department to address further discipline.
- Should the Education department and /or school receive complaints from parents about bullying the Education department will investigate the incident. Once the review is complete the consequence will be decided at that time.

Schedule

In order to meet the School District start times the bus driver must adhere to the designated pick-up locations and scheduled times. This is to ensure safety and fairness so all students will arrive safely and on time.

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The Wei Wai Kum and We Wai Kai First Nations have a school bus policy that includes a list of students' responsibilities for using the bus. The points are first and foremost to ensure safety. Parents and students, please review the school bus policy and the schedule enclosed with this newsletter. They are also posted on our website at www.weiwaikum.ca

After reviewing the school bus policies with your child (children) you can enter to win a brand new IPAD!

We have read the School Bus Policies

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Please fill in the above and return to the Wei Wai Kum Administration Office by Friday Sept. 30, in person, by fax 250-287-8838 or

email averilhenderson@weiwaikum.ca

We will draw the winner at 4 p.m.