

# 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 behavior:

- 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.