

School Bus Tips for Parents

To ensure a safe and secure ride to school:

- Students are to be at their bus stop five minutes prior to departure.
- On the first day a student rides a new bus it is a good idea to send a note to the bus driver(s) sharing important information such as the students name, which school they go to and which stop they get on/off at, as well as a contact number.
- Kindergarten students should be met by either an adult or an older child to walk them home.
- Discuss bus safety and riding rules with your child. Student expectations can be found on the School District website.
- Be sure to dress students appropriately for weather conditions. On bad road days buses may be late getting to a stop.
- **Students must be registered to ride a school bus. Registration forms can be found at your school office, or at www.sd22.bc.ca. A new Registration form must be sent in if bussing needs change.**
- Students wanting to ride a bus on occasion that they are not registered for may be accommodated if they have a note and if there is room available.
- Parents will be responsible to get their students to and from the school bus stop.
- Students should know their **route #** (not bus #) which identifies which bus they take. The new route numbers are located above the bus entrance door.

School District No 22 (Vernon)

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION POLICY 10.0.0

- The Board expects students to walk at least 2.4 kilometers to a school, or to a bus stop.
- Transportation may be provided to students who live beyond the walk limits of 2.4 kilometers.
- It is the prime requirement of the Board of School Trustees that the transportation of students be provided in a manner to ensure maximum possible safety to the students.
- All bus routes will be established on the basis of the number of students involved related to such 2.4 kilometer walk limit, as above.

Notes from the Transportation Department

-The Transportation System is designed to provide bussing for students outside the 2.4 km walk limit to their catchment school. Out of catchment and courtesy rides may be accommodated when possible.

-School Bus route information will be available on the School District website @ www.sd22.bc.ca, in late August.

-Students from Kindergarten to Grade three will be provided with School Bus orientation in October of each year.

-We look forward to providing the students of School District No. 22 with a safe and secure ride to and from school.

