

# Revelstoke Board of Education

## Riding the School Bus



School District 19  
(Revelstoke)

Respect is the foundation upon which our schools in Revelstoke have built their codes of conduct. These codes of conduct outline both how students are expected to demonstrate respect and the manner in which unacceptable behaviours are handled. The school bus is an extension of school. Expectations for students are therefore aligned with the School Code of Conduct. The principal will inform parents if behavioural expectations have not been met on the bus.

Principals have prime responsibility for addressing the conduct of students being transported to/from school on school buses. Teachers and coaches have the responsibility of direct supervision during co/extra-curricular trips. In compliance with school district policy, bus drivers have paramount authority in matters dealing with the safe operation of the bus.

Students may bring items onto the bus that fit on their lap, such as small instruments or backpacks. These items must not interfere with adjacent riders, must not project into the aisle or exit ways, and must have edges covered.

### Students

- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time and stand well off the road
- Watch for the driver to signal to you when it is safe for you to cross the road and look both ways before crossing the road
- Return home if the bus is unusually late picking you up in the morning
- Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop & the doors are opened
- Use appropriate language/volume
- Be courteous
- Remain seated & share seat if necessary
- Keep aisle clear
- Keep head and limbs within the bus



### Parents

- Review road safety rules i.e. looking both ways before crossing the street
- Make alternative arrangements for sending large items, such as snowboards & skis, to school
- Ensure ice skate blades are covered with guards and/or in a suitable skate bag (i.e. cloth or hard case)
- Provide your elementary child with a note if you wish them to get off at a different stop
- Notify the school secretary if your elementary child is not taking the bus home
- Report safety problems to the School Board Office