

LARGE ITEMS ON BUSES

The school bus operations, section 23 of the COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY REGULATION, which deals with the carrying of luggage, equipment and tools (such as band instruments, sports equipment) states “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 the brakes of the school bus are applied, during acceleration of the school bus or in the event of an accident involving the school bus”. The driver is responsible for ensuring that items are transported in accordance with this section.

As these items cannot be secured, (tubas, trombones, saxophones, French horns, skate boards, skis, hockey sticks, scooters, large hockey bags, and curling brooms, suitcases with wheels, large shop projects etc.) **THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE BUS.**

Students may only carry those items which can be held safely on their laps. The items must not stick up above the seat and must not be wider than 33 cm x 33 cm x 59 cm (13"x13"x23") so as not to intrude in another student's space or stick out into the aisle. Items allowed on the school bus must be held on the students lap at all times.

EATING ON BUSES

Guidelines advise that students should not be allowed to eat on the bus because the driver may not be able to hear a child if he/she is choking. Students may not eat or drink on the bus (including soft drinks, candy and gum).

PARENTS ON BUSES

Parents are not allowed on regular school bus runs. Harassing the driver or other bussed

students is a serious offense which can be reported to the City Police.

BUS STOPS

Students are requested to be at their stop at least 5 minutes prior to the bus arrival. *Drivers are not required to wait for students who are tardy in arriving at their stop as it alters the bus schedules.* The bus will not leave the school until *6 minutes* after students have been dismissed.

Do not cross in front of the bus when exiting. Cross the street at marked crosswalks or intersections after the bus has pulled away.

Transportation is provided for eligible students from a designated pickup to & from school ONLY (not to baby sitters, music lessons, job related activities, sports events, etc.)

Drivers are not responsible for students who get off at stops other than their designated stop, or students who catch a route which is not their designated route.

Only eligible students, drivers or authorized persons may ride the bus. Students wishing to take friends home are responsible for finding their own way home.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

News releases will be provided to various radio stations after receiving direction from the school board as to whether a cancellation will take place in the morning. In the case of a midday decision (early dismissal) parents must be notified as students cannot be sent home if arrangements have not been made for after school care. Failure to contact parents will result in students being dismissed at regular times.



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION provided for **Lethbridge School District No. 51** by **City of Lethbridge Transit**

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SCHOOL BUS RULES & REGULATIONS



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BEHAVIOUR ON THE BUS

RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE “NOT A RIGHT”

IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS TO HAVE A SAFE AND PLEASANT RIDE ON THE BUS STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THE RULES OF CONDUCT. THE BUS IS AN EXTENSION OF THE CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS WILL DEAL WITH MISCONDUCT.

STUDENTS MAY BE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM RIDING THE BUS IF THEY DO NOT FOLLOW THE RULES OF CONDUCT.

IT IS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DRIVER TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS SAFELY TO AND FROM SCHOOL. THE DRIVERS ATTENTION MUST BE ON THE ROAD AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND NOT ON STUDENT BEHAVIOR.

VIDEO CAMERAS MAY BE USED ON BUSES FOR DISCIPLINE AND SAFETY PURPOSES ONLY.

BELOW ARE SOME OF THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITIES.

Follow the directions of the driver. Only quiet conversation is permitted.

STUDENTS ARE TO REMAIN SEATED while the bus is in motion and are not to extend any part of their body out of the windows.

Standees are not permitted on yellow school bus.

Students may be assigned to specific seats.

No eating on the bus (including candy, pop & gum).

STUDENTS WHO VANDALIZE a bus will be held responsible for the cost of repairs and may lose their riding privileges.

Scuffling, fighting, harassment of other students, smoking, use of obscene language and throwing objects in and out of the bus are prohibited.

Conveyance, using or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances prohibited.

The possession, use or conveyance of potentially dangerous items prohibited.

THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ABOVE OFFENCES MAY WARRANT IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION & REFERRAL TO POLICE SERVICES.

**CONSEQUENCES
ADMINISTERED BY
SCHOOL OFFICIALS**

1. WRITTEN INFRACTION SENT TO SCHOOL – Parents notified.
2. 2nd INFRACTION – 1 Day Suspension
3. 3rd INFRACTION – 3 Day Suspension
4. 4th INFRACTION – 5 Day Suspension
5. 5th INFRACTION – Suspension of riding privileges. MAY BE APPEALED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD.

“STEPS MAY BE OMITTED DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE INFRACTION.”

CITY BYLAW #2362

It is unlawful for any person to fight, scream, shout, swear, use insulting or obscene language, smoke, spit or engage in unseemly or disorderly conduct on any Transit/School bus of the City of Lethbridge.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY REGULATION

SECTION 29

No person shall:

Stand in a school bus, get up from his seat on a school bus, or attempt to get on or off a school bus while the school bus is in motion.

Failure to comply with the above is subject to a \$28.00 fine under the above article.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

Lost and found items are left on the bus for approximately one week and then turned into our office Inquiries at 320-3885.