



Riding the school bus!

HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT TRANSPORTATION IN HRCE



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TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Nova Scotia's School Transportation Policy includes eligibility criteria, student safety and behaviour information, as well as roles and responsibilities of students, parents/guardians, bus drivers, principals, etc.



DID YOU KNOW?

Parents/guardians (or designate) are responsible for:

- Accompanying Pre-Primary to Grade 2 children to the bus stop (and supervising until safely boarded), as well as greeting the child at the stop at the end of the day. If they are not at the stop to meet the child, the parent/guardian (or designate) will be contacted and the child will be returned to the school for pick up.
- Buckling and unbuckling the seat belt for their child (if they are less than 40 pounds and 57 inches in height, and only if a seat belt is available). Bus drivers cannot leave their seats. At the school, staff will buckle and unbuckle children.
- To help our youngest riders arrive to/from school safely, we also implement the Purple Tag Program each September. This program helps school staff and bus drivers identify children in Grades Pre-Primary-2 to ensure they are not left alone at a stop and receive the assistance they may need.



FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL

A few reminders to families:

- Children should arrive 10 minutes early to the bus stop.
- Families will be taking first day photos. You can expect delays in the first few weeks while new fall routines (for everyone!) get underway.
- Students can bring small sports equipment like baseball gloves on the bus as long as they are stored safely.
- Students can't bring open food or drinks on the bus.

HRCE WEBSITE

Visit hrce.ca/transportation for much more information, including bus safety, what you can take on a bus, student registration, inclement weather guidelines, and transportation FAQs!

BUSPLANNER'S PARENT PORTAL

Bus eligible families should receive an email to activate a BusPlanner ParentPortal account, where they can look up times and stop locations.

There is also an option to receive email and text message notifications for bus cancellations/delays. Please note: notifications are only sent for delays greater than 15 minutes.

QUESTIONS?



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