

FACTS

ON BUSING IN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 91: (NECHAKO LAKES)

- ◆ The school district transports over 2,150 students to 12 schools every day.
- ◆ The school buses travel over 4,000 km each day.
- ◆ There are 31 bus routes in the school district.
- ◆ The school buses cover an area of nearly 70,000 sq. km.
- ◆ Our buses are in motion for a total combined time of over 125 hours per day.
- ◆ The school district employs over 55 regular and part-time drivers and 4 mechanics.
- ◆ The school district owns and operates a fleet of over 50 school buses.



“Your Child’s Safety is Our Business”

Our Vision

OUR LEARNERS ARE
ACHIEVING SUCCESS
WHILE ENGAGED IN
LEARNING IN SAFE, SECURE
& HEALTHY
ENVIRONMENTS.



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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

**SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 91
(NECHAKO LAKES)**



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS are responsible for the safety of the students – here is how you can help:



STUDENT's RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Students are required to follow all directions given by the bus driver and respect their decisions.
- Talk quietly, use appropriate language.
- Keep hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
- No throwing any objects.
- Students will remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Horseplay, either on or off the bus, is prohibited.
- Tobacco products including e-cigarettes, drugs & alcohol are prohibited.
- Unregistered students are not allowed on the bus without contacting the bus garage.
- When loading the bus, wait until the driver has indicated it is safe to approach the bus.
- When crossing the road, wait until the driver has indicated it is safe to cross.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED ON BUS:

Skis, hockey sticks, baseball bats, skate boards, large band equipment etc.

Riding on a school bus is a privilege, not a right.

PARENT's INVOLVEMENT:

- Ensure your child arrives at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the arrival of the bus to avoid rushing to catch the bus.
- While at the bus stop remind your child to stand 5 steps away from the road in a safe place to be visible to the bus driver with reflectors or a flashlight
- Make sure you arrive at the pick-up point before the scheduled drop-off time.
- Remind your child to stay 3 meters (10 steps) away from **Danger Zones** – front, back and sides of the bus.



BUS DRIVERS:

- Bus drivers are in charge of the bus at all times.
- Bus drivers have the authority to assign seats to students.
- Bus drivers will provide students with instructions on how to act safely, inside and outside of the bus.
- Bus drivers will ensure the bus is in road-worthy condition before starting their route.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

If a student fails to follow the direction of the driver, the driver is required to fill out a "Student Behaviour Report" and report the incident to the Manager of Transportation.

The "Student Behaviour Report" must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the driver before the student will be allowed to ride again.

FAMILY SAFETY PLAN

Although we do our best to run our buses on time, sometimes situations arise that are beyond our control. For example, there could be a road closure, inclement weather conditions or a mechanical issue. It is a good idea for parents to have an alternate plan for their children to follow if the bus does not arrive as scheduled.

An example of a Family Safety Plan would be:

1. Wait 20 minutes.
2. Return home or go to another place agreed to ahead of time such as a neighbor's house.
3. Phone your local Transportation office for assistance.
 1. 250.567.9618
 2. 250.996.7835
 3. 250.699.6995
 4. 250.692.3130
4. Await further instructions. It helps to plan ahead

SEVERE WEATHER or ROAD CONDITIONS

The bus routes will be cancelled when the temperature is -35 C or colder, or road conditions are deemed unsafe.*** **If buses do not run in the morning, then they will not run in the afternoon. *****

Information is available on the school district website, Facebook and our School Messenger-notification service.