

BUS BEHAVIOUR & DISCIPLINE POLICY

Bus Schedules:

Students are reminded to be at bus stops five minutes ahead of the listed time. Note that bus stop times are subject to change during the school year.

Discipline:

Our school is very serious in matters regarding disciplinary issues on our buses. We carry the same rules from the school onto the buses each day. Principals from each campus are contacted when an issue comes up on a bus and matters are dealt with immediately.

If you have concerns on your bus please follow the proper protocol:

- Contact your bus driver and discuss the matter with him/ her first. Many times the driver is busy concentrating on the road and may not always see what is happening on the bus.
- If the issue continues contact Garry Fast at gfast@abbotsfordchristian.com and he will contact the principal from the campus with which the student attends.

Bus Rules:

1. Each student shall be seated immediately upon entering the bus. Students are not to stand or move from place to place while the bus is in motion.
2. Windows and doors are to be opened or closed only with the permission of the bus driver. If allowed, windows should only be opened to the indicated safety line.
3. Indecent conduct or loud, disruptive or profane language will not be permitted.
4. Passengers are not to behave in any manner, which infringes upon the rights of any other passenger. This would include any form or type of bullying.
5. No student is to enter or leave the bus until it has come to a complete stop. Students may enter or leave the bus only upon bus driver signal.
6. Students are not to throw objects of any kind on the school bus or out the windows. All parts of the student's body shall remain inside the bus at all times.
7. The privilege of riding the school bus may be denied to any student who does not conduct himself/herself in a safe and orderly fashion. School bus drivers and administration will determine what is safe and orderly. The bus driver reserves the right to assign seating for any student(s) that are disruptive in any way.
8. Students may use electronic devices for personal use only and not take pictures or show material to other students on the bus. Ear buds must be removed from ears when students leave the bus.

Bus Safety

Loading and Unloading: Our school uses the “School District System” for loading and unloading school buses in urban areas. This system is judged to provide the highest guarantee for rider safety while at their bus stops and while boarding or leaving their bus. The procedure works as follows:

- Within the urban area of Abbotsford, bus stops are located in areas where the bus can pull over to the curb and complete a transit style stop. In this case the red flashing lights are not used, rather, the bus driver will engage the four-way flashers to alert traffic in both directions.
- Within the rural areas of Abbotsford, procedure #1 is not utilized; instead the bus will stop on the roadway, using red flashing lights to stop all traffic.

Please note that when flashing lights are used, their purpose is to stop traffic – not to assist children in crossing the road. Although traffic safety and busing procedures are taught at schools, by bus drivers and communicated by the district through literature to parents, please take time to make sure your children understand how to ride school buses and public transit safely.

- Students: Please be sure to pay attention to bus safety tips, and instructions from the bus driver. Be sure to arrive at your stop 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival/departure time for your bus.
- Vehicle drivers: vehicles travelling in both directions on a roadway must not pass a school bus which has stopped and has its red overhead lights flashing.
- Vehicle drivers are also reminded to use extra caution in school zones during school days.

Further Questions?

If you have questions or require further details, please call the Transportation Coordinator: 604.755.8114 or gfast@abbotsfordchristian.com.