

# CHATHAM-KENT LAMBTON ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL SERVICES

Procedure:	Student Responsibility
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## **Student Responsibility**

Riding on a school bus, both to and from school and on planned excursions, is a privilege, not a right. Improper conduct may result in the withdrawal of this privilege. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of school officials after consultation with the student, parent or guardian and school bus operator.

Students must:

- a) Be aware of, and comply with Student Transportation Services policies and procedures.
- b) Be at their bus pickup point at least 10 minutes prior to bus arrival time. If buses are more than 15 minutes late beyond the scheduled stop time, information can be obtained by contacting the School Bus Operator or Student Transportation Services.
- c) Only use transportation services to attend school.
- d) Choose the safest walking route to and from the bus stop and keep well clear of the traveled roadway while waiting for the bus.
- e) Be certain that the road is clear, or traffic is stopped before crossing any roadway.
- f) Promptly take their place on the bus as directed by the driver. Students must remain in their seats throughout the trip to and from school.
- g) Not abuse, damage or litter private property while waiting for their school bus.
- h) Line up and board the bus promptly in single file without crowding or pushing.
- i) Be picked up and discharged only at their designated school bus stops. The responsibility for a student boarding or leaving the school bus at other than his or her designated stop rests with the parents.
- j) Hold their books, lunch boxes, backpacks and other bulky items on their laps and not place them in the aisle where they may trip someone. Bats, hockey sticks, skateboards, bicycles, snowshoes and other large objects will not be permitted on the bus, except by mutual agreement between the principal and the bus operator. Ice skates must have guards.
- k) Not bring animals or pets onto the school bus.
- l) Be aware that cell phones and cameras are **not allowed** to be used on school buses unless in an emergency, where immediate communication is necessary and with permission of the bus driver. Cell phones and cameras must be turned off and kept in backpacks while traveling on the bus.
- m) Be aware that laser pointers are **not allowed** on school buses at any time and are subject to confiscation.
- n) Not open or close windows unless authorized by the driver.
- o) Keep arms and head inside the bus at all times.
- p) Not at any time create a disturbance by distracting the driver's attention, or by interfering with another student or his/her belongings.

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- q) Not carry any objects on school buses that pose as a distraction to good student discipline or that may pose a hazard to the safe operation of the bus. Such objects are subject to confiscation or ban.
- r) Not eat or drink on school buses.
- s) Not smoke on school buses.
- t) Not use profane language on school buses.
- u) Not throw anything out the windows.
- v) Be financially responsible for any damage done to the bus resulting from improper behaviour.
- w) Follow the instructions of the driver.
- x) Not talk to the driver while bus is in motion, unless in an emergency.