

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Hanover School Division is committed to providing a healthy, active, safe and caring learning environment for all students.

In Hanover School Division, there are over 100 bus routes providing daily transportation for more than 5000 students. These buses travel an estimated 2.5 million kilometers per year.

This brochure offers safety tips for parents and students to ensure student safety and prevent any bus-related injuries to our children.

PARENTS



- ◆ Parents are responsible for the safety and conduct of their children prior to them boarding the bus at the beginning of the day and upon exiting the bus at the end of the day.
- ◆ Parents should discuss school bus riding safety tips with their children and explain that these rules are written for the safety of everyone on the bus.
- ◆ From time to time, poor road conditions due to inclement weather forces the cancellation of our transportation services. If a bus is more than 10 minutes late, we will post this on our website. If school is cancelled entirely, this will be posted on our website by 6:00 am.

Website: www.hsd.ca



AT THE BUS STOP

- ◆ Be at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus.
- ◆ Do not run to or from the bus stop.
- ◆ Choose the safest walking route to and from the bus stop and keep well clear of the road while waiting for the bus.
- ◆ Be certain that the road is clear or traffic is stopped before crossing the road.
- ◆ Line up for the bus in single file with the first person no closer than 2 meters from the roadside. No crowding, pushing or horseplay while waiting at the bus stop.

ON THE BUS

- ◆ Follow the instructions of the driver at all times.
- ◆ Talk quietly and stay seated while the bus is in motion. No loud talking or shouting.
- ◆ Be courteous and respectful of others. Do not use profanity or abusive language.
- ◆ Do not distract the bus driver by creating a disturbance or talking to the bus driver while the bus is in motion, except in an emergency.
- ◆ Do not write on or damage the seats. Parents may be held financially responsible for any damage to school buses caused by their child.
- ◆ Keep arms and head inside the windows.
- ◆ Always ask the bus driver for permission to open or close windows.
- ◆ Keep books, backpacks and other belongings out of the aisle.
- ◆ Never throw objects inside the bus or out of the windows.
- ◆ Eating or drinking on the bus is prohibited.

GETTING ON AND OFF THE BUS

- ◆ Board and exit the bus ONLY at your designated stop.
- ◆ Do not move toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop, the red lights are flashing and the door is opened by the bus driver.
- ◆ Hold onto the handrail to prevent slips or falls.
- ◆ Go directly to your seat and sit down until you get to school or to your assigned bus stop.
- ◆ Remain in your seat until the bus has come to a complete stop.
- ◆ Move away from the bus as soon as you exit by taking 10 giant steps away from the bus.
- ◆ Keep away from the bus even if you drop or forget something. Never bend down near or under the bus.

DANGER AREA

The danger zone is the three meter area around the bus in every direction. The most dangerous areas of the bus are:

- ◆ The front of the bus.
- ◆ The rear tire area.

NEVER CROSS BEHIND THE BUS!

Always stay where the bus driver can see you.

