



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

Transportation Department

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2018-2019 School Bus Information

Bus Routes & Schedule Information

The draft bus schedule for September 2018 is posted on the district website. As school starts and the number of riders are confirmed, be sure to check the district website www.sd69.bc.ca to stay up to date on any changes.

- AM - children need to be at the bus stop 5 min. ahead of the scheduled time.
- PM - Kindergarten children must be met at the bus stop.

Walk limits

Walk limits (Policy 7054)

- K – Gr.7 3.2 km
except for NBES, EES & BES which have a walk limit of 1.5 km
- Gr. 8 – 12 4.8 km

Other than school field trips, the district offers a busing system to get students to/from school/home (or daycare). Buses are not to be used for any other purpose (ie play dates, birthday parties, work or sports activities).

Bus Passes

- **Bus passes are mandatory for all students riding to/from school.** Without a bus pass, students can be refused transportation on the school bus. Bus drivers will be asking to see bus passes at the start of the year and passes will be **mandatory as of October 15, 2018**. Throughout the year, bus drivers will do random 'bus pass checks' - be sure your children have their bus passes with them! To ensure your child is not refused a ride and to avoid long line ups, please consider purchasing your bus pass from now throughout the school summer break (check SD69 website for hours).
- Application forms are available at all schools, the School Board office (100 Jensen Ave. E., Parksville) and on the School District website. Parent/guardians are responsible for completing their portion of the application (#'s 1-3) as well as signing the application.
- **PLEASE NOTE** – eligible riders have preference over courtesy riders. This may mean that if a bus becomes full, your child may be bumped to make room for eligible riders. If that is the case, the date of the bus pass purchase will be considered.

Student Behavior on the Bus

- Any disturbance on the bus is a safety hazard as it takes the driver's attention from the road. Unacceptable behavior includes:

Fighting	Profane language	Spitting	Vandalism
Littering	Throwing objects	Not being properly seated	Horseplay
- A driver may issue a 'Student Incident Report' for any of the above mentioned behaviors as well as:

Being late at bus stop	Leaving bus stop before it is safe	Disrespectful to driver
Failure to produce a bus pass	Refusing to sit in assigned seat	
- If your child is issued a 'Student Incident Report' it must be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the bus driver before he/she can ride the bus.

SAFETY – VEHICLES, SCHOOL BUSES & CHILDREN

The school district uses the '**Baltimore System**' for the loading and unloading of passengers.



Loading Students:

Where a Bus Pull-off is provided:

1. Bus pulls into loading zone clear of traffic
2. Takes on students without using red flashing lights or 4 way flashers

Where a Bus Pull-off is not provided:

1. Bus stays in own lane
2. Uses overhead flashing lights and takes on students

Unloading Students:

Where a Bus Pull-off is provided:

1. Bus pulls into loading zone, without any lights flashing
2. Students unload; bus leaves; students disperse when safe

Where a Bus Pull-off is not provided:

1. Bus stops in own lane; uses overhead flashing lights
2. Students unload; bus leaves; students disperse when safe

When dropping off/picking up your child at a bus stop, please be sure to park a safe distance away from the stop to ensure the safety of all children getting on and off the buses as well as crossing the road. Thank you!