



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

Transportation Department

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2019-2020 School Bus Information

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

Please do not send notes with your child asking to ride another bus.

Bus Routes & Schedule Information

The school district website www.sd69.bc.ca has the current bus schedule. As school starts and the number of riders confirmed, this schedule may change slightly.

- AM - children need to be at the bus stop 5 min. ahead of time. This means out, at the stop, ready to get on the bus, not in a car!
- PM - Kindergarten children must be met at the bus stop.

Walk limits (SD 69 Policy 7054)

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

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 as well as random checks throughout the year. Passes will be **mandatory as of October 15, 2019.**
- Application forms are available at schools, the School Board office (100 Jensen Ave. E., Parksville) and on the website.
- Parent/guardians are responsible for completing their portion of the application (#'s 1-3) as well as signing the application acknowledging that they have read the *School Bus Information* sheet which outlines the bus pass system and student behavior on the bus. The information you put on the bus pass application is the information we will use to create the driver manifests for each route. If you have a change in bus route (ie you move) it is your responsibility to inform the Transportation Dept. It is important, for safety reasons, that the driver manifests be up to date at all times.
- To ensure your child is not refused a ride and to avoid long line ups, please consider getting bus passes from now throughout the school summer break (check SD69 website for hours).
- **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. 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



Parking at bus stops: to ensure the safety of all children, park a safe distance away from the stop as children are getting on and off the buses as well as crossing the road. Thank you!