



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

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2020-2021 School Bus Information updated 08/27/20

COVID-19 Information - as per the school districts restart plan announced August 26, 2020, the following protocols will apply:

- Face masks must be worn at all times by students and drivers. Drivers may use a face shield for loading/unloading – please prepare your child for this change in the driver’s attire.
- Students will be assigned a seat and expected to remain in their seat unless directed by the bus driver.
- No food or drink (except water) to be consumed on the bus.
- Social distancing guidelines are expected to be followed at the bus stops.

Bus Routes & Schedule – the current bus schedule is on the website www.sd69.bc.ca. Refer to it when completing Section 3 of the bus pass application. **Please note that due to the current COVID-19 situation this schedule may change.** Reminder: Morning bus - 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! Afternoon bus - Kindergarten children must be met at the bus stop.

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 16, 2020.
- Instructions for completing and submitting forms are on the *School Bus Information* page.
- 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.
- The district offers a busing system to help get students to/from school/home/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.

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	Non compliance with COVID19 protocols
- If your child is issued a ‘Student Incident Report’ it must be ***signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the bus driver before the student 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

