



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

Transportation Department

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2017-2018 School Bus Information

Bus Routes & Schedule Information

Bus routes remain the same with a few additions and time changes. As school starts and the number of riders are confirmed, routes and/or times may change slightly. Check the School District website www.sd69.bc.ca to stay up to date. Always be at your stop 5 min. ahead of the scheduled time.

Walk limits

Walk limits remain the same (Policy 7054)

- K – Gr.7 3.2 km with the exception of NBES, EES & BES which have a 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 and passes will be mandatory as of October 16, 2017. 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).
- Bus pass rates remain the same:
 - A bus pass for eligible riders is at no cost; a bus pass for courtesy riders is \$125.00/school year
- Application forms are available at all schools, the School Board office (100 Jensen Ave. E., Parksville) and on the School District website. When completing the bus pass application, refer to the Bus Schedule to see where the closest stop is for your child and enter this information on the form under 'Bus Pass Information'.
- **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



If you are dropping off or 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, and other motorists. Thank you!