

# Riding the School Bus *in Pembina Trails*



*Each day the Pembina Trails School Division ensures nearly 2,000 students get to and from school safely and efficiently. We all play a role in making sure the ride goes smoothly.*



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# Stop: Safety Starts at Home

Parents play an integral role in ...

- Ensuring that an adult is available to supervise children to and from their neighbourhood bus stop.
- Teaching children acceptable bus behaviour.
- Making sure children dress appropriately for all kinds of extreme weather.
- Providing alternate transportation in the event a bus does not arrive on time or is late.
- Cooperating with the school when there is a need to correct a child's behaviour on the bus.
- Ensuring children get to their pick-up point on time.
- Understanding and accepting the fact that neither the bus driver nor the principal has the authority to change the bus route or schedule.

## Student Responsibilities

- Getting to the bus stop on time (before the bus arrives).
- Behaving in a responsible manner during loading, unloading and while riding the bus.
- Following the driver's instructions at all times.

## One Way: Behaviour on the Bus

Think of the school bus as an extension of the classroom. Students must stay in their seat and keep noise levels down. Eating and drinking while on the bus is not allowed. Disruptive behaviour can cause driver distraction and will not be tolerated.

The principal has the authority to suspend, temporarily or permanently, bus riding privileges if a student does not follow the rules.

# Safety Comes First

- Students should stay at least two metres away from the curb until the bus has stopped and the loading door is open.
- When boarding the bus, always use the handrails and watch your step.
- While riding the bus, follow the bus rules and listen to the driver's instructions.
- When exiting, step directly away from the bus and never walk beside the bus.
- Students who need to cross the street must do so at the front of the bus at a right angle. It is important to wait for driver's instructions before crossing.

# Severe Weather Conditions

School bus transportation may be cancelled even though schools may still be in session. Buses will NOT operate when the actual temperature at the Environment Canada weather station at The Forks reaches or exceeds -35C or when the wind chill reaches or exceeds -45C. Transportation cancellations are coordinated with all metro area school divisions in making a uniform decision.

Please remember, severe weather may delay bus running times. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure children are dressed in suitable clothing and are supervised in the event the bus does not arrive on time or at all.



# Detour: Transportation Changes

School bus routes and schedules are created with safety and efficiency in mind. Students are picked up and dropped off at the same designated stop each day. Bus route changes will not be made unless a student moves, has a new home address or day care location.

If an ongoing change is needed, please contact the **Pembina Trails School Division** at least five days ahead, at: 204.488.1767 extension 1241 or 204.489.2597.

**Please remember that supervision to, from and at your neighbourhood bus stop is a parental responsibility.**



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