

Bella Bella Community School

Transportation Department



STUDENT SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION

Full Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

LOCATION OF RESIDENCE:

Street Address: _____ PO BOX _____

Special Bussing Need Request: _____

Medical Alert: _____

Additional comment for the transportation department: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cellular: _____ Work: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR DRIVERS USE ONLY

Bus Stop _____

For school Board use only

Approved: _____ Declined: _____



SCHOOL BUS CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Be Respectful, Be responsible, Be safe!

Bella Bella Community School Society is pleased to be able to provide school bus services for students in our village who reside at the North-End of Bella Bella and within funding availability. To improve communication between parents, transportation staff, and the school; the Board developed a written SCHOOL BUS CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT, to be implemented by the school principal and/or bus driver to all parents. A comprehensive transportation policy will be given to all bus students and the parents for their information.

Many parents and students are not aware of the regulations governing school busing. Therefore, the board developed Transportation Policy and procedures that is implemented to help ensure a safe ride for everyone.

The School Board also has developed a School Bus Code of Student Conduct that will be in effect at all times, and which addresses government requirements and respects three core values:

SAFETY – RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY

The school bus rules will apply to all riders recognizing the driver as the authority on the bus at all times, and expects students to:

1. Follow the driver's directions the FIRST time they are given.
2. Keep their hands, feet and object to themselves.
3. Stay in their seat, unless directed to do otherwise.
4. Talk quietly, using only appropriate language.
5. Be at the bus stop 5 min. before scheduled leave time. Students who missed their scheduled leave time for three (3) consecutive stops will lose their bus privileges for one (1) month.
6. Not eat or drink on bus.
7. No bullying, harassing or intimidating others. This behavior will not be tolerated and will result in a long-term suspension of the bus privileges.

Students' who experiences bullying, harassing or intimidation on school bus are encouraged to discuss this with a trusted adult. These concerns should be brought to the attention of the bus driver and school principal.

8. No smoking, no eating or drinking, take drugs or alcohol on the bus and at the bus stop.
9. In order to ride on a school bus, students MUST be registered using the Student School Bus Registration form signed by parent/guardian, and approved by the Board. This will always be subject to available space on the bus.
10. Students wanting to disembark at a stop other than their designated stop must provide a permission slip signed by the principal or authorized staff member.

Student behavior which contravenes these values or whose actions distract the driver; cause or have the potential to cause harm or discomfort to self or to others, is subject to disciplinary action, which includes the following:

1. Verbal warning from the bus driver (initially – in routine situations).
2. Possible seat assignment.
3. Issue of a School Bus Conduct Notice:
 - a. One written warning (bus privileges suspended until a meeting occurs between Principal and the parent/guardian.)
 - b. Two – school day suspension of bus privileges.
 - c. Five-school day suspension of bus privileges.
 - d. Service suspended for an undetermined length of time: issued for repeated offences or for striking another person, fighting, vandalism, spitting, throwing objects out the bus windows, lighting matches or other flammable object, possession/use of laser pointer, unauthorized use of emergency equipment, unauthorized exit through rear emergency door, and other serious contraventions of the bus rules. When a student receives this type of suspension, parents, will arrange an interview with the school Principal and Bus Driver. The length of the suspension period may be determined during the interview or brought to the Board attention for further review.

It is the bus driver’s responsibility to ensure that students have been told the school bus rules and to administer discipline, in the form of a STUDENT CONDUCT NOTICE, when students fail to respect these rules.

Your son/daughter’s school bus driver has a tremendous responsibility for the safe transport of your children, and keeping to a timely schedule. The School Board relies on drivers to maintain orderly buses where students are safe. If any student behavior jeopardizes the safety and rights of him/her or others, it is the driver’s responsibility to provide the student with a conduct notice to be taken to his/her parents. Parent/guardians who wish to discuss such a notice are asked to contact the school principal. The principal will be pleased to discuss your questions and investigate your concerns. Please DO NOT discuss your concerns with the school bus driver. Any type of confrontation can divert the driver’s attention from his/her driving responsibilities.

For a copy of the School Board’s Transportation Policy, or if you would like to discuss other transportation issues, please telephone the School Board Office at 250 957-2322. Thank you for helping us to transport your children safely.

BELLA BELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL SOCIETY

Kamal Fichtali
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer

Note:

Please initial box to indicate you have read and shared the “School Bus code of Student Conduct” with your child.

Please return the registration form along with this document to the School Administration office attention: School Principal on timely manner.

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