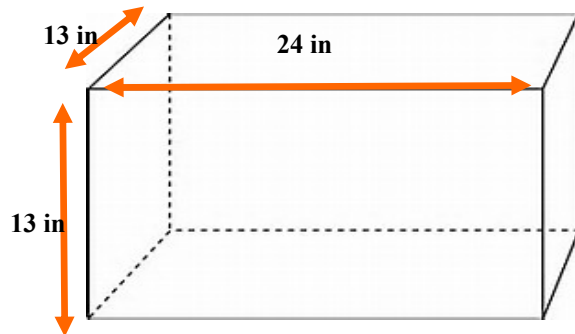


Transportation of Equipment

Parents: Check with the bus driver **before** taking sports equipment or band instruments on the bus.

What is allowed on a school bus?

- Articles that fit in or under the bus seat and do not block aisle or emergency exits.
- Small musical instruments provided they are concealed in the manufacturer's case or a leather type case with a zipper which must be securely fastened at all times such as:
 - Flute
 - Clarinet
 - Bells
 - Percussion Sticks, Drum Pads
 - Alto/Tenor Saxophone
 - Bass Clarinet (may not fit under seat on some models of bus)
 - Trombone
 - Trumpet
- Ice skates with guards and rollerblades that are carried in a heavy durable sports bag that can be stowed under the owner's seat.



13 inches x 13 inches x 24 inches

What is **NOT** allowed on a School Bus?

- Skis/Ski Poles
- Snowboard
- Skateboard
- Scooter
- Curling Brooms
- Hockey Sticks
- Baritone Saxophone
- Bass Trombone
- French Horn
- Guitar
- Tuba
- Animals
- Firearms
- Explosives
- Knives including pocket knives
- Flammable materials/substances
- Fuel, other than in the fuel system and fuel tank of the bus
- Anything of a dangerous or objectionable nature, or that might endanger the lives or safety of persons in the bus.

Any request to carry articles not mentioned in the above section must be made to the Transportation Manager.

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School Bus Transportation Information for Parents

Peace River School Division
Transportation Department
*“Safely Transporting Students
Towards Success”*

Important Message to Parents

The information outlined in this publication is designed to assist parents and their children with a smooth transition into the school bus system.

School Bus Rider Rules

1. Be appropriately dressed for weather conditions in case of breakdown or delays.
2. Be at the bus stop **at least 3-5 minutes before scheduled pickup time**; stand well away from the bus stop in the safety zone.
3. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting on or off of the bus.
4. Cross the road 3 meters in front of the bus. Do not cross the road until the bus driver signals you to do so.
5. Go directly to the seat assigned to you. Sit in your seat facing forward at all times while the bus is in motion.
6. Do not open windows without permission from the bus driver. Do not put arms, hands, head or objects out of the window.
7. Put all garbage in a container; do not throw it out of the window or on the floor.
8. Loud or noisy behaviour is prohibited.
9. Use of tobacco or alcohol products of any type is prohibited—including vaping.
10. Electronic audio equipment with adequate sound retention headphones may be used by passengers, at the discretion of the driver.
11. The aisle of the bus must be kept clear at all times; keep hands, feet and all objects out of the aisle.
12. Please inform the bus driver when you will not be on the bus. Attendance will be taken.
13. The Bus Driver is responsible for passenger safety. Follow the direction of the bus driver at all times.
14. Any violations of the rules or damage to the bus will be reported to the principal.
15. Bullying or other forms of harassment will be immediately reported to the appropriate school principal.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities



- Parents/Guardians are responsible for the safety of their children **prior to boarding** the bus and after disembarking from the bus.
- Supervise your children at the bus stop to ensure their safety while waiting for the bus. Children must know what to do if the bus is late or does not arrive.
- All students must be registered to ride.
- Please review the bus rider rules with your child.
- Advise the Transportation Office and your bus driver if your child has any medical or behavior conditions.
- Parents shall make every effort to inform the driver when bus service is not required.
- All kindergarten and grade one students must be met by a responsible adult on and off the bus. Please inform the bus driver if other arrangements need to be made—for example, walking home with an older sibling.
- Ensure their children are properly dressed for weather conditions.
- Parents are required to pay for willful damages their children cause to the school bus.

Electronic Media Surveillance on School Buses

The Division may equip school buses with electronic monitoring devices ensuring student and driver safety as per Administrative Procedure 181.

Details can be found on our website at www.prsd.ab.ca

Guest Riders on School Buses

Please contact the school by phone or email a minimum of 24 hours before you wish to have your student ride as a guest. Students can only ride to a scheduled bus stop, no other stops are permitted.



Bus drivers are instructed to only accept bus notes that are issued by the school.

Due to bus seating limits, some routes may not permit guest riders.

Inclement Weather Procedures

- Parents should tune to local radio stations for school bus reports and delays.
- Route delays of 10 minutes or greater will be broadcast and posted on the Busplanner website
- **Students should be taught how to check and listen for bus delays.**
- **Parents must have secondary arrangements if the bus is delayed or not running at all.**
- Route delays in the afternoon will be posted on the website and schools will be informed.
- Parents are responsible to ensure their children are properly dressed for weather conditions.
- Refer to AP 133, Inclement Weather

For Cancellations, Delays and Alerts ***You may follow by:***

- ***Listening to Peace River Radio Stations***
- ***www.busplanner.prsd.ab.ca and click on Delays and Cancellations.***
- ***You can also sign up and subscribe to your child's bus route on Bus Planner for email and text notification.***