



Dear Parent/Guardian,

****PLEASE REGISTER ONLY IF YOU WILL REQUIRE BUSING****

All students requiring bus service will need to **register** prior to May 31. Routing is registration driven, seats are limited and only registered riders may use the bus service and are permitted to ride only the buses they are assigned to. Kindergarten parents will need to register their child(ren) via paper registration and advise us of any changes should there be any.

Kindergarten students and students new to the school district will not have a photo in our system. Please email a clear photo of your child that is entering kindergarten to buspassphoto@sd79.bc.ca. A bus pass will be printed for each student once the registration package is submitted and routes have been established and a photo is available. All students must produce a valid bus pass and scan on and off each bus daily. Routes will be finalized after all registrations have been processed and bus schedules will be available through e-Link. <http://sd79.bc.ca/services/transportation/bus-routes/> in the later part of August.

Students attending schools within their catchment area and those living beyond the established walk limits are eligible for bus service. Established walk limits are as follows.

- 2.0 km for students attending Elementary Schools
- 3.5 km for students attending Secondary Schools

Students attending school of choice (Out of Catchment) or a program of choice (French Immersion) or living within the walk limits (all referred to as Courtesy Riders), may be allowed riding privileges provided there is space available on existing routes. Routes will not be altered to service courtesy riders. Students considered a courtesy rider will be prioritized on a furthest distance basis and ridership will not be confirmed until October 1st after routes and loads have been established.

Parents may register their child using a home address and an alternate address providing the alternate is due to parental custody or daycare needs only. The Transportation Department does not offer busing to students going home with other students, attending after school events or other after school functions.

If you require assistance with routing or registration please contact us with the information below.

<p>Registration Clerk – Kim Duffe 2557 Beverly Street, Duncan BC V9L 2X3 Phone: 250-748-1066 ext 276 Email: busregistration@sd79.bc.ca Email buspassphoto@sd79.bc.ca (PHOTOS ONLY) Office Hours: 8:30am – 4:30pm</p>	<p>Transportation Supervisor – Selena Hayes 2557 Beverly Street, Duncan BC V9L 2X3 Phone 250-748-1066- ext 275 Email : transportationsupervisor@sd79.bc.ca</p>
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What Can I Carry on the School Bus?

Any items carried on a school bus must meet all regulations set out in the motor vehicle act. With this in mind the following guidelines for students travelling on school district buses were developed in consultation with parents, district staff, and school bus drivers to affect a reasonable compromise regarding carry-on belongings/musical instruments. These guidelines were implemented October 1995.

Musical Instruments

Musical Instruments will be carried on school district buses if the size does not exceed that of an alto saxophone. All musical instruments must fit comfortably in the student's passenger space and be held in such a way as not to extend into the aisle or interfere with other passengers. Oversized musical instruments such as guitars, trombones, etc. will not be carried.

Personal Belongings

Belonging carried onto the bus must be contained in a **GEAR BAG** which can be easily managed and held by the student. All items must fit comfortably in the passenger's space without extending into the aisle or interfering with other passengers.

Items of a size or nature considered to be hazardous to other passengers will not be carried on the bus (i.e. hockey sticks, firearms, sharp objects, etc.). If a parent or student has a concern about the suitability of an item to be transported he/she is encouraged to contact the Transportation Department.

Driver's Authority

At the driver's discretion students may be directed to designated seats to better accommodate the students' belongings.

We in the transportation department have a responsibility to transport students safely to and from school. Allowing unsafe, insecure cargo is neglecting that responsibility. We appreciate your efforts and your support in maintaining a safe environment for all children riding school buses.