



Transportation Information for Parent/Guardians of Kindergarten Students



SD79 transportation department would like to extend a warm welcome to all Parents/Guardians. We are pleased to be transporting your child to and from school. We are very proud of the safety record of our school buses and the professionalism of our transportation team. Please help us ensure your child's safety by following our code of conduct which can be found on the Cowichan Valley School District [website](#).

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- 1) Registration can be completed [online](#) (A student number is required please obtain from the school)
- 2) ALL Kindergarten registrations must be accompanied with an electronic photo, and student id applications without a photo will not be processed. Please email photos to transportationregistration@sd79.bc.ca
- 3) Once registered, Parents/Guardians will receive an email mid-August indicating registration is complete and information for routing access will be provided.
- 4) Passes will be available for pickup at your child's school for two weeks starting the last week in August, passes will then be returned to the Transportation office for pickup.

NOTE: Parents may register their child using a home address and an alternate address providing the alternate is due to parental custody or elementary student daycare needs only. The Transportation Department will not offer busing to students going home with other students, attending after school events or other after school functions. Bus drivers will have a passenger list to verify registered riders. All students must ride the bus they are assigned to, produce a valid bus pass, and scan on and off their bus each time. Please refer to the [School Bus Code of Conduct](#) for other important information regarding ridership.

DELAYED BUSING INFORMATION

SD79 FB page

My Ride 360 notification

Email



LOST & FOUND:

We strongly encourage you to label jackets, water bottles and lunch kits. Our bus drivers clean and sweep their buses after each run and may keep items on the bus for a few days in hopes that the owner claims it. However, students often do not realize that they have lost or misplaced an item and not all items are claimed. Drivers will hold items for a few days so please check with them. If you have lost something, please come to the Transportation office we will hold items for 60 days.

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WHAT CAN I CARRY ON THE SCHOOL BUS?



The following items **CANNOT** be safely transported on a school bus:

- Guitars and Trombones
- Tenor and Bari Saxophones
- Ice Hockey Sticks
- Lacrosse Sticks
- Baseball Bats
- Drums, Cellos and other large instruments
- Large school projects that will not fit on the student's lap



Items which **CAN** be transported:

- A regular size back pack that sits comfortably on the student's lap
- Small band instruments such as flutes, trumpets- anything up to the size of (and including) an alto saxophone
- Balls contained within the student's backpack
- Skateboards completely enclosed in a zippered bag (no longboards)
- Grass/Field Hockey sticks completely enclosed

BUS PASS REPLACEMENT



A photo bus pass will be printed for each student once ridership has been approved. There is no fee for the initial bus pass.

Replacement fee for lost and altered passes is \$10.00. Payment can be made for replacement passes via e-transfer to buspasspayments@sd79.bc.ca or by credit card at 250-748-1066 ext 276

NOTE: Purchasing a bus pass does not register your student. You must [register](#) first, please see above. Please do NOT send money if your student is not registered for the bus.