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<b>Statement</b>	<p>Students who are granted the privilege of travelling to and from school by school bus must behave in a safe and appropriate manner while they are aboard the vehicle. Those who behave in an unsafe or inappropriate manner will lose this privilege, in accordance with the disciplinary measures procedure (GT-025).</p> <p>Students are accountable to the school principal for their behaviour while on the school bus and must obey the instructions of the bus driver, who represents the school principal.</p>
<b>Procedures</b>	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus, which will not wait for LATECOMERS;</li><li>• Always keep a safe distance from the road or the street while waiting for the bus;</li><li>• Respect other people's property and belongings;</li><li>• Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching in order to board the bus;</li></ul> <p>While on the bus, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take a seat of their choosing or, if applicable, go to the seat that has been assigned to them on the bus, and remain seated until they reach their destination;</li><li>• Remain seated at all times, facing the direction in which the bus is travelling, resting against the back of their seats with their legs turned towards the front of the bus, in the places that have been assigned to them (if applicable);</li><li>• For their safety during the trip, avoid distracting or speaking to the bus driver, except in the case of an emergency;</li><li>• Refrain from speaking loudly, being noisy, fighting,</li></ul>



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	<p>swearing or using abusive language;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refrain from getting into fights, annoying, hitting or biting other students on the bus or the bus driver;</li><li>• Refrain from eating, drinking, spitting, or dirtying the inside of the bus;</li><li>• Refrain from smoking, drinking alcohol or using drugs;</li><li>• Refrain from throwing objects inside or outside the vehicle;</li><li>• Keep their hands, legs and head inside the bus;</li><li>• Keep their books, school bags and any other objects on their laps and keep the aisle clear;</li><li>• Bring skates on the bus only if the blades are covered with guards and the skates are kept inside a special carrying bag until the destination is reached;</li><li>• <b>Animals, musical instruments that do not fit in a backpack or small bag, firearms, explosives, water guns and other dangerous and large items are forbidden on the buses. In the event of a conflict the bus driver and the school principal will decide whether an object is authorized on the bus until such time as a decision can be provided by WESTS.</b></li><li>• Be liable for any damage done deliberately to the bus;</li><li>• Only board the bus to which they have been assigned, and embark or disembark only at their own bus stop;</li><li>• Help to keep the bus safe and clean;</li><li>• Take all their personal belongings with them when they leave the bus;</li><li>• Follow all the bus driver's instructions in the event of</li></ul>
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	<p>an emergency;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Never bully other students or the bus driver while aboard the vehicle;</li></ul> <p>After getting off the school bus, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Immediately move three meters away from the front of the vehicle and wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the street;</li><li>• Always walk in front of the vehicle and watch for traffic before crossing the street.</li></ul>
<b>Consequences</b>	Failure to follow the rules and responsibilities outlined above can cause a student to lose the privilege to ride the bus.

Approved by Motion ETC#09-07;

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