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| <b>Statement</b>  | Parents/guardians must ensure that their child knows the rules and regulations involved in riding a school bus. They are responsible for their child's safety from the time he/she leaves home up to the time when he/she boards the bus and again as soon as he/she gets off the bus to go home.  |
| <b>Procedures</b> | <p><b>Parents/Guardians must:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Inform their child about the safety and behaviour rules to be followed at the bus stop and while travelling on the bus.</li><li>2. Be aware the school bus is an extension of the classroom. The school principal's authority still applies aboard the school bus. The school principal remains responsible for the behaviour and discipline of students while they are on a school bus.</li><li>3. Understand that school transportation services are a privilege, not a right, and can be withdrawn if the rules are not followed according to (025) Progressive Discipline for Infractions on a School Bus.</li><li>4. Ensure that their child arrives at the bus stop no later than five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time.</li><li>5. Be responsible for their child's safety and behaviour up until he/she boards the bus.</li><li>6. Cooperate with the school principal, staff from STSBHN, and the bus driver to ensure that their child behaves properly while travelling on the bus.</li><li>7. Assume responsibility for their child when he/she is dropped off at the designated bus stop, upon his/her return from school. Children attending kindergarten MUST have a responsible individual assigned to bring them to and stay with them at their stop in the morning and meet them at their drop off stop in the afternoon. In the event that the child is not met at the end of the day, the child will remain on the bus for the remainder of the route and will be returned to the school where the principal will oversee their care. Chronic failure to have an assigned individual completing the above requirements will result</li></ol> |

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| <b>Procedures...continued</b> | <p>in progressive discipline up to and including removal of the privileges riding the school purpose vehicle.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Be responsible for all deliberate damage or acts of vandalism caused by their child.</li> <li>9. Inform the school and STSBHN using the (TF001) Request for New or Changes to Transportation form regarding any cancellation of bus service or to request that changes be made to their child(ren)'s transportation.</li> <li>10. Make a note of the bus driver's and school bus operator's names as well as the bus route number and its arrival time.</li> <li>11. Inform the school and STSBHN about any problem that occurred on the bus that jeopardized the students' well-being and safety indicating the bus number, date, time, and nature of the problem.</li> <li>12. Be aware of (024) Inclement Weather Bus Cancellations procedure and the zone they are associated with.</li> <li>13. Listen to the radio or other media identified by STSBHN on mornings of inclement weather to find out the status of school bus transportation.</li> <li>14. Make the final decision about whether or not their child should go to school on mornings of inclement weather.</li> <li>15. Be aware that when a bus does not travel a route in the morning due to inclement weather conditions, it will not operate in the afternoon.</li> <li>16. Not stop or park in school bus loading zone areas.</li> <li>17. Make sure that their child(ren) is dressed appropriately in the event of inclement weather.</li> </ol> |
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| <b>Prohibitions</b> | <p>It is strictly prohibited for parent(s)/ guardian(s) to board the school bus at any time except to provide assistance, to their child(ren), with harness equipment or other accepted special need.</p> <p>It is prohibited for parents and guardians to speak to the bus driver or anyone working on behalf of STSBHN in an angry or aggressive manner, or to use abusive and disrespectful language.</p> <p>It is strictly prohibited for parents and guardians to negotiate or attempt to negotiate with the bus driver and the school principal, in order to change the bus stop, pick-up or drop-off time, or other travel arrangement for their child which would differ from the transportation service planned by STSBHN. All requests to have stop location(s) and time(s) changed must be made via (TF030) Request for Stop Location Review and sent directly to the attention of STSBHN.</p> |
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