

School District 50: Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte

Policy Subject: TRAVELLING ON SCHOOL BUSES

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PREAMBLE

The Board recognizes that attendance at school is essential for students. To this end, the Board may provide transportation to school for its more distant students, subject to adequate numbers of students from an area.

PROCEDURE

1. All students being transported on school buses are subject to Student Rules While Travelling on School Buses - 4410-1.
2. Principals will ensure Regulation 4410 - Travelling on School Buses is brought to the attention of staff, students and parents at the beginning of each school year and thereafter as required.
3. Parents will be responsible for students until they board the bus, and after they leave the bus.
4. In the case of continuing bus misbehaviour, the bus driver will be responsible for ensuring that students are assigned seats.
5. The loading of buses is to be carried out in a safe and orderly manner.
6. Students/and their parents will be held responsible for wilful damage to any

school bus as provided for in Regulation 4500 - Damage to Property.

7. Bus drivers shall have authority to maintain order on the bus and shall report any serious or repeated misbehaviour to the Principal. Bus suspension should be used only after other means of discipline have failed.

8. Bus drivers will not normally remove a student at any point other than his place of disembarkation. The driver will consult with the Principal to determine whether the student is to be carried on the homeward trip of the same day.

9. Parents shall be advised by the Principal of the school in all cases of serious or repeated misbehaviour.

10. All bus suspensions must be reported to the Chief Executive Officer.

Short Term Suspension

11. Bus drivers shall have authority to suspend a student(s) for one (1) day from the bus if the safe conduct of the bus is threatened. Such suspension shall be clearly stated to the student and a statement must be submitted to the Principal concerned giving the name of the student and the nature of the misbehaviour involved.

12. Principals are authorized to suspend a student from the right to travel on a school bus for up to five (5) days for misbehaviour.

Please see attached PDF for Suspension-Traveling on School Buses Form.