



Lambton Kent District School Board

December 16, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The following information is outlined in the Riverview Student Planner and Handbook which reflects the school rules regarding busing. Please review these rules with your child. Failing to comply with the bus requirements could result in loss of bus privileges. Please sign and return bottom portion by Thursday, December 18, 2008, indicating you have reviewed these requirements as we have had complaints by our bus drivers regarding children eating or drinking on the bus, and not abiding by the Code of Conduct.

BUSING

First Student Sarnia Bus Lines services Riverview Central School, their number is 519-336-0077. It is a shared concern of the Lambton Kent District School Board, the school administration, the teachers, the bus contractor, and the bus drivers that our students travel in safety during their trips to and from school. One factor remains a potential hazard to our students—the collective behaviour of the passengers. Therefore, success in providing the safest bus ride for all students requires that each student follow the guidelines for conduct on the bus and exercise self-control while on the bus.

BUS STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:

1. Be at their bus pick-up point prior to bus arrival time.
2. Proceed directly to their seat on the bus and remain seated for the duration of their trip.
3. Comply with all instructions from the bus driver.
4. Act in a courteous manner and abide by the Code of Conduct.
5. Refrain from opening and closing windows, unless authorized by the driver.
6. Ensure that nothing protrudes, at anytime, from the window.
7. Respect the bus equipment (students will be held responsible and charged for damages to the vehicle).
8. Refrain from littering or throwing anything from the bus.
9. Avoid conversation with, or distraction of, the bus driver while the vehicle is in operation, unless absolutely necessary.
10. Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus.

The bus driver is in charge at all times while students are on the bus. This includes field trips, as well as regular home to school transportation. At times, a video camera may be used to monitor behaviour on a bus. Any problems are referred by the bus driver to the Principal for disciplinary action. Failure to comply with the above rules could result in suspension of bus privileges. Drivers will report to the Principal, in writing, any student who fails to behave in a safe and responsible manner. The Principal will discuss the incident with the student and record the details. Parents will be notified if their child's inappropriate behaviour persists on the bus. This could result in a student losing his/her bus riding privileges. With everyone's cooperation, our buses can continue to operate safely with no one losing their privileges.

Sincerely,
N. Blandford-McFadden
Principal

Please return signed by Thursday, December 18, 2008

The Busing Requirements have been reviewed with our child(ren): _____ and he/she is aware that not complying with the requirements may result in the loss of bus privileges.

Parents/Guardian signature: _____



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