



Education Department

Busing Policy

Subject:

Curve Lake First Nation contracts buses for students to Curve Lake First Nation School, Ridpath Junior Elementary School, Lakefield District Intermediate School, and Lakefield District Secondary School. The Education Department ensures the safe and timely transportation of all students.

Purpose:

The policy is to ensure the safety of our students who ride the school buses solely contracted by Curve Lake First Nation. This includes buses used to transport our students to either the Curve Lake First Nation School or to the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board schools in Lakefield, Ontario.

Scope:

- 1.1 Parents choosing to send their children to school off-reserve JK-grade 3 will be responsible for the transportation of the child(ren) according to the Parental Choice Policy.
- 1.2 Buses will only pick up and drop off students on public roads. The driver will not drive on any private roads to pick up students.
- 1.3 Riding the bus is a privilege and not a right. Students who cause problems for the other passengers will have their privilege suspended if necessary. The safety of every student and bus driver must be considered.
- 1.4 Should a student be suspended from the bus, it is the responsibility of the parents to provide transportation for the student to and from school, during the time of the suspension.
- 1.5 In case of relocation of O'shkiigmong Early Learning Centre School-age Program due to use of Church, the children will be transported to the Curve Lake School. The Education Manager will call the Bus Company to make the change in pick-up and drop-off.

Code of Conduct for Students Riding the Bus

1. While riding on the school bus, students are responsible to the driver. The bus driver, under contract with Curve Lake First Nation, is in charge of the vehicle so respect and obey him/her. Follow the bus driver's instructions.
2. Arrive at your stop a few minutes early, as the school bus will not wait.
3. Remain in your seat throughout the entire trip.
4. Talking should not be loud, obscene, or distracting to others, including the driver. No yelling or shouting will be tolerated.
5. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the school bus.
6. Do not open or close windows unless authorized by the driver.
7. Do not create a disturbance, however slight. Actions must not be injurious or harm others. Do not push or shove when getting off the school bus.
8. Students/Parents will be held responsible for any damage done to the bus resulting in improper behavior.
9. The aisle, front door, and emergency exit door must be kept clear at all times.
10. Do not touch the property of others.

Should the driver have any problems with the behavior of a student on the bus, he/she will inform the principal of the corresponding school and the Education department, using the appropriate forms.

Failure to follow the rules may lead to suspension from riding on the school bus.

This is only a code of conduct for students who ride the Curve Lake First Nation contracted buses. All Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board policies are still in effect.

Expectations and Consequences

Bus conduct expectations are based on safety, and reasonable social behavior. Formal Bus Reports are completed by the bus drivers when appropriate. Parents will receive a copy of this report from the School Principal.

1 st Report	-	Review expectations
2 nd Report	-	Warning of removal of bus privileges
3 rd Report	-	Suspension from bus

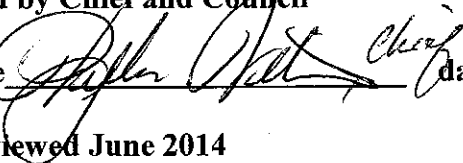
The School Principal will determine the suspension and communicate the suspension details to the parents. When a student loses their bus privileges parents will be responsible to transport the children for the duration of the suspension.

Late Busing for LDISS

1. Late busing services will be available to Curve Lake First Nation Students of Lakefield District Secondary and Intermediate Schools who are living in Curve Lake First Nation for scheduled school activities that occur after classes end at 3:00 p.m.
2. Only one pick up time of 5:00 p.m. at L.D.I.S.S. is available from Monday to Thursday each week that school is in session.
3. Capital Taxi supplies the late busing service and students using this service should conduct themselves in a courteous and appropriate manner.
4. Students who require the late bus service must indicate this on the "Late Bus Sign-up Sheet" in the Office by 2:00 p.m. daily. Students must also indicate the activity in which they will be participating. Only activities organized by the school are considered eligible to warrant provision of late bus services. The Curve Lake First Nation Education Department staff will monitor the participation in these activities.
5. Students who do not require the late bus services after signing the "Sign-up Sheet" must indicate this to the attendance secretary by 3:00 p.m.
6. Calls for pick up made directly to the Taxi service by individuals other than the Attendance secretary or Curve Lake First Nation Education Department Staff will be the financial responsibility of those individuals at the time of use.
7. Students who have not cancelled their request for Late Bus Services will be invoiced \$25.00 to compensate the cost for providing this service as the taxi is made available for us at this time and is out of commission for other calls. Failure to provide this compensation will result in suspension of the late bus services to that student until paid.

Approved by Chief and Council

Signature



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