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Statement and Rationale	The Northwestern Ontario Student services Consortium will provide equitable transportation service to eligible students, which is safe, efficient and effective. The Consortium, bus operators, parents and students share this responsibility.
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Procedure	<p>Waiting for bus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive at your bus stop on time (5 minutes early)</li> <li>• Stand back from the side of the road, well away from the bus.</li> <li>• Avoid pushing and shoving at the bus stop</li> <li>• Transportation is from home to school and back again only (ie Not birthday parties, part-time employment or visiting friends).</li> <li>• Parents are responsible for their children’s safety and conduct prior to boarding and after drop off at their designated stop, this includes to and from the bus stop.</li> </ul> <p>Getting on the bus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approach the bus only when it is completely stopped.</li> <li>• Wait for the door to open and the Driver’s signal to board the bus.</li> <li>• Enter the bus in single file, don’t push or shove.</li> <li>• Use the handrail to prevent falling.</li> <li>• Take a seat quickly and as directed by the Bus Driver.</li> </ul> <p>Behaviour while on the bus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak quietly. Distractions for the Driver could be dangerous to all the students on the bus.</li> <li>• Remain seated at all times.</li> <li>• Smoking or use of any non-prescription drug or alcohol is not permitted on the bus.</li> <li>• Refrain from fighting and using obscene language.</li> <li>• Keep lunch boxes and backpacks out of the aisle.</li> <li>• You may open the window with the Driver’s permission, but you may not throw objects out the window.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not willfully damage (including vandalism) the bus in any way.</li> <li>• Never throw objects out of or on the bus. This is an offence under the law and is extremely dangerous.</li> <li>• The following items are not permitted on the bus**:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Alcohol</li> <li>➢ Ammunition</li> <li>➢ Animals (unless pre-approved service animals)</li> <li>➢ Explosives</li> <li>➢ Firearms</li> <li>➢ Fireworks</li> <li>➢ Football equipment/bags</li> <li>➢ Hockey equipment/bags (skates may be permitted if they have guards and are encased in a leather/canvas case and the skates must be tied together.)</li> <li>➢ Large musical instruments (tuba, drum, trombone etc.)</li> <li>➢ Oversized sports equipment</li> <li>➢ Skateboards</li> <li>➢ Skis/Ski poles</li> <li>➢ Sliding equipment</li> <li>➢ Water guns</li> <li>➢ Weapons</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>**Any item or material that the Driver, Operator, School or Consortium deems unsafe or dangerous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eating and Drinking is NOT permitted on the bus.</li> </ul> <p>Getting off the bus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain seated until bus comes to a complete stop.</li> <li>• Leave bus in an orderly fashion.</li> <li>• While getting off the bus, look both ways for cars.</li> <li>• Take five (5) steps out of the bus and out of the “danger zone”</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If crossing in front of the bus, walk 3 metres (10 feet or 10 steps) ahead of the bus and wait for the Driver's signal that it is safe to cross. Always cross with caution.</li> <li>• If you dropped something, tell the Driver and follow their instructions, please avoid bending down near or under the bus.</li> </ul> <p>Vandalism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students caught in any act of vandalism on or to the school bus will be required to PAY for the damages. In addition to any disciplinary action taken by the principal, students will not be permitted back on the bus until damages have been paid.</li> </ul>
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