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| Statement and Rationale                            | <p>All students, parents, teachers, staff and members of the school community have the right to be safe, and feel safe, in their school community. With this right comes the responsibility for everyone to be accountable for their actions and contribute to a positive school climate.</p> <p>In order to maintain a positive climate and provide safe, efficient, and equitable transportation to eligible students, high standards of conduct must be maintained at all times during home to school transportation.</p>  |
| Procedure  | <p><b>1.0 Standards of Conduct and Behaviour</b></p> <p>The school code of conduct developed by the attending school shall govern the conduct of students during home to school transportation, including on the bus, as well as to/from and at the bus stop. Students will be treated with respect and dignity. In return, they must demonstrate respect for themselves, for others and for the responsibilities of citizenship through responsible behaviour.</p> <p>Every student is responsible for their conduct to the principal of the school where the student attends. Consistent with transportation being a privilege and not a right, any breach of any individual school's Code of Conduct may result in the suspension or cancellation of bussing privileges.</p> |
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|  | <p>School Principals are responsible for ensuring that school bus safety practices are taught annually. The Consortium will support students to understand behaviour expectations while riding the bus by communicating through the Bus Driver, Parents, and programs such as First Rider, and School Bus Rider Safety Training. Bus Drivers will encourage all students to behave in a desired manner by promoting a positive relationship and approaching conversations openly and with respect.</p> <p><b>2.0 Behaviour Support and Reporting</b></p> <p>When a behaviour expectation or standard of conduct is not met by a student on the bus, the following will occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bus Driver will address the student by name to get their attention;</li> <li>• The Bus Driver will explain the behaviour expectation that is not being met;</li> <li>• If the student continues to have difficulty meeting the behaviour expectation, the Bus Driver will prepare a behaviour report to be submitted to the Consortium for follow up with the school.</li> </ul> <p>In cases where a behaviour creates serious and imminent risk to the student, fellow riders or Bus Driver, the Bus Driver may pull over and call for support- up to, and including emergency services/ 9-1-1.</p> |
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|  | <p>The Bus Driver is in charge of the safe operation of the bus and the safety and welfare of all students in accordance with the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.</p> <p>The Consortium will review all behaviour reports and forward them to the appropriate school Principal(s) or designate. The Consortium may take measures to manage the bus environment as a result of reported behaviours, or to promote appropriate conduct. All disciplinary action resulting from behaviour reports is at the discretion of the Principal(s) of the appropriate school(s).</p> <p>The Consortium will work in consultation with the appropriate school(s) to promote a safe and positive environment on the bus.</p> <p>If it is determined by the school Principal that a student will be suspended from bussing, the Principal or designate will be responsible to inform the student and their parents, as well as the Consortium in writing before the suspension begins. This notification will include the first and last day of the suspension, the reasons for the suspension.</p> <p>In the event of a serious allegation regarding student behaviour or an incident, immediate action may be taken in an effort to protect students, Bus Drivers, or others on the bus while an investigation takes</p> |
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|  | <p>place. In the event that a student is removed from bussing during an investigation process the removal will not be considered to be disciplinary and whenever possible alternative transportation will be offered to the student.</p> <p><b>3.0 Vandalism</b></p> <p>If a student is found to have caused willful damage to a school bus, the matter will be referred to the school Principal(s) as outlined in 2.0. In addition to this, the Parent/Legal Guardian will be responsible for the cost of repairing the damage and students may be suspended from the bus until the situation is resolved to the satisfaction of the school Principal(s) and the Consortium.</p> <p>An invoice for the repair costs will be provided by, and payable to, the Bus Operator. Repairs will be completed in the most cost-effective way possible, to restore a safe and clean bus environment.</p> |
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