

POLICY:

BUS SAFETY

RATIONALE:

Clear guidelines, closely followed, will provide optimum safety for students using school buses.

PURPOSE:

1. To ensure student safety on school buses
2. To provide guidelines for school staff and drivers to adhere to
3. To clearly state to all parties the parameters governing students travelling on school buses.

GUIDELINES:

1. The Principal (in consultation with drivers and parents where appropriate) will approve the pick up and drop off stops for students
2. The Principal shall remain familiar with the bus routes travelling each route on the bus at least once each calendar year
3. Formal instruction shall be given to all bus students at the start and middle of each year regarding safety matters on school buses
4. The Principal shall ensure the school's set of rules and safety procedures (attached) are issued to all bus pupils at the start of each year and to new families upon enrolment. Copies also to drivers and bus companies.
5. Reference should be made to the procedures in the School Information Booklet (issued annually to all families) which cover:
 - eligibility to travel on school bus
 - role of bus monitors
 - expected behaviour on buses and consequences of non-compliance
 - reporting of even minor mishaps
 - safety rules regarding getting on and off school buses
 - safety whilst travelling on the bus
6. Related Policy: Bus Accident Procedures
7. Bus rolls with students names, parent/caregivers names, addresses & phone numbers are kept in the office & in the bus book.

CONCLUSION:

Huntermville School takes seriously the issue of safety on school buses. Adherence to this policy and attached procedures will help ensure our students safety.

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