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SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL BUS USE

POLICY STATEMENT

The Strait Regional Centre for Education recognizes that the school bus is an extension of the school environment. Students are therefore expected to show, while on the bus, the same respect, courtesy, and care for property as they would in and around the school buildings. Principals will inform students of their responsibilities for school bus safety, as well as the consequences of unacceptable behaviour.

The Strait Regional Centre for Education will enforce the provisions of the Education Reform (2018) Act and the Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy concerning school bus discipline.

Guidelines:

1. Excerpts from the Education Reform (2018) Act related to the suspension of a student's right to use a school bus:

27 Where a student enrolled in a public school under the jurisdiction of a regional centre engages in unacceptable behavior

- (a) on school grounds, on property immediately adjacent to school grounds, at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, function or program whether on or off school grounds, at a school bus stop or on a school bus; or
- (b) at a location, activity, function or program that is off school grounds and is not school-sponsored or school-related, if the behaviour significantly disrupts the learning climate of the school,

the principal or the person in charge of the school may take appropriate action as specified in the Provincial school code of conduct policy including suspending the student for a period of not more than 10 school days.

32 (1) The principal, or such other supervisory person as may be designated by the regional centre, may suspend a student's right to use a school bus if, in that person's judgement,

- (a) the student has refused to comply with reasonable rules of the regional centre or directions given by the bus driver; or
- (b) the behaviour of the student while on the bus endangers the safety of others using the bus.

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(2) A person who suspends a student's right to use the school bus shall promptly notify the student's parents and the regional centre of the suspension.

(3) Where the student's right to use the school bus has been suspended for a period of more than two days, the student and the student's parents shall be notified in writing or by electronic means of the reason for the suspension and, where the suspension is for a period of more than five school days, of the right of appeal under subsection (4).

(4) Where a student's right to use the school bus is suspended for a period of more than five school days, a parent of the student or, where the student is of the age of majority, the student may, within seven days of receiving notice of the suspension, appeal the decision to suspend to the regional centre.

(5) Where a notice of appeal has been received by the regional centre, the balance of the suspension is stayed until the regional centre confirms, revokes or varies the suspension.

(6) Upon receipt of a notice of appeal, the regional centre shall

- (a) notify by registered mail or electronic means the parent of the student or, where the student is of the age of majority, the student of the time and place of the hearing of the appeal; and
- (b) within 10 days of receipt of the notice of appeal, hold a hearing respecting the suspension and within three school days following that hearing confirm, revoke or vary the decision to suspend.

(7) No parent or other person in charge of any student, having received from the regional centre by registered mail or electronic means, a notice of suspension of the student's right to use the school bus, shall cause, encourage or permit the student to use the bus during the period of time during which the suspension is in effect.

96 (1) No person shall, in or upon any public school premises or school bus and in the presence of any student attending that school use profane, threatening, abusive or improper language towards a teacher, other staff of the education entity or the bus driver, or speak or act in such a way as to impair the maintenance of discipline by the teacher in the school or the bus driver on the school bus.

2. Please note that Bus drivers shall complete Appendix A: School Bus Driver Disciplinary Report on Page 3.

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In accordance with the Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy, the consequence shall be age-appropriate, addressed in a progressive manner, reflect the severity of the behaviour, take into account the frequency and duration of the behaviour and include an educational component.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER DISCIPLINARY REPORT

Student's Name: _____	Date: _____
School: _____	
Offense: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th	
Nature of Unacceptable Behaviour:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bullying <input type="checkbox"/> Cyberbullying <input type="checkbox"/> Discriminatory behaviour <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal activity <input type="checkbox"/> Insubordination <input type="checkbox"/> Misuse of network or online resources <input type="checkbox"/> Physical violence <input type="checkbox"/> Racist behaviour <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated tobacco or e-cigarette use <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual assault	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual harassment <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual misconduct <input type="checkbox"/> Significant disruption to school operations <input type="checkbox"/> Use or possession of <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Drug-related paraphernalia <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Weapons <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal abuse
Driver's Comments: _____ _____ _____	
Driver's Signature: _____	
This section to be completed by the school principal:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Reprimanded <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian notified	<input type="checkbox"/> Student placed on probation <input type="checkbox"/> Student denied bus privileges until _____
Principal's Comments: _____ _____ _____	
Principal's Signature: _____	
Date: _____	
This report must be distributed by the school principal to the student's parent/guardian, the Manager of Transportation and the Bus Driver.	